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1956-1957 Calendar of Special Activities

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This calendar is a suggested guide for the special activities of the year. Adapt it to meet the needs of your Society.

The *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet,* "The Islands Await His Word," plus articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informative, inspirational programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

June

Vice-President: Present plans for yearbook to the executive committee.

Treasurer: Present recommendations from Committee on Finance on methods to secure funds for total budget.

Promotion: Plan with other officers for presentation of the Quadrennial Goals and suggestions for interpreting them.

Missionary Education: Plan to attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Student Work: Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). See that the church offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund is sent to the treasurer of your conference Board of Education.

Youth Work: Encourage members of the MYF who have not done so to make new MYFund pledges.

Children's Work: Take part in vacation church school.

Spiritual Life: Study new Spiritual Life literature.

Literature and Publications: Write for new *Catalogue.*

Supply Work: Present ASKINGS for consideration and acceptance.

July

Student Work: Send Student Introduction Cards to Methodist campus director of Religious Life, director of Wesley Foundation, or pastor of the campus church *by July 15.*

Children's Work: Take advantage of summer training opportunities.

Supply Work: A summer Christmas party is recommended, with a cash offering for Supply Work for one institution in the foreign field on the list of askings.

August

Vice-President: Meet with the Committee on Program.

Treasurer: Send first quarter's receipts to district or conference treasurer *by August 5.*

Youth Work: Order materials for intermediates, seniors, and older youth on missionary themes: "Southeast Asia" and "Mission Field: U. S. A." through the secretary of Literature and Publications.

December

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday, and Human Rights Day.

Student Work: Cooperate in observing Student Recognition Day. Welcome students home with fellowship tea.

Children's Work: Assist in planning for missionary units in January for the church school and additional sessions.

Spiritual Life: Observe Universal Bible Sunday, December 9.

Membership: Plan to welcome new members in January.

January

Promotion: Participate in observance of Epiphany, January 6, with special attention to new members. *In executive committee meeting* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work on or before February 1.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern."

Christian Social Relations: Observe Church and Economic Life Week with special emphasis on farm problems. Cooperate in Study and Action Program related to "Youth in a Responsible Society."

Wesleyan Service Guild: Guild Month. Recruit new members and publicize the Guild. Plan with the Woman's Society for joint meeting of Woman's Society and Guild.

Youth Work: Cooperate in plans for youth to participate in church school of missions (whenever held).

Children's Work: Share in presentation of missionary units in church school and additional sessions.

Spiritual Life: Participate in observance of Epiphany—a time of personal reconsecration—January 6. Present Stewardship Cards.

Literature and Publications: Order *Seventeenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division.*

Supply Work: Do some Supply Work for one of the institutions in the home and/or foreign fields on the list of askings.

February

General: Elect a Committee on Nominations.

Vice-President: Meeting of Committee on Program.

Treasurer: Send third quarter's receipts *by February 5.*

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COVER

The symbol of the 1956-1960 Quadrennial Goals shows the figure of Christ with arms outstretched to the world—in invitation, compassion, benediction. The sheaves of wheat are a familiar Christian symbol for that fullness of life taught, lived, and shared by Jesus Christ.

The drawing was made by Robert Schwing.

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

A Letter to the President

Dear President:

It is a close bond that draws us together and writing to you as presiden of your local Woman's Society is a true fellowship experience. Whethe you have served in this capacity before or whether you have come to it ne at your recent Woman's Society elections, the presidency offers tremendou challenge and true adventure.

Especially is this so, as we are entering a new quadrennium with ne goals set before us in the total church program and in the Woman's Society You as president are, as of course you know, a member of the official board of your local church. This is a meet ing you will want to attend regularly. This relationship should be particularly important during the next fou years. There will be many times when you will be needed to interpret the total church program to th women of the Woman's Society, and, in turn, to make the Society's goals and purpose known to the mem bers of the church. These emphases, as you will discover, are closely related.

You will wish to become familiar at once with the new quadrennial theme—THE SPIRIT OF CHRIS —FOR ALL OF LIFE; with the beautiful symbol, showing the figure of Christ offering fullness of life t all the world; and with the seven Quadrennial Goals for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Yo will find these in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and will want to keep them at hand for ready reference

A Guide will wear a new look, in its revised form. The duties of your own office, as set forth there, will natu rally be your first concern; but, as president, you will wish to be familiar with the other lines of work too, s that you may have the needed background in presiding and in helping the other officers when they turn t you for counsel.

With the constant stream of new women entering into membership in the Woman's Society, and the stead increase in the need for both officers' and leadership training, your position, as president, offers ever-widenin opportunity. Fellowship activities are one of the areas that most of us have not as yet fully explored in ou local church and community; and, although these are no one person's responsibility, you, as president, will hav a vital part in determining their relative importance, and helping to see that they offer opportunity for al women to participate.

The *Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service* should be familiar to every leade This year's report is the sixteenth. The title is *The Fruits of Discipleship.* After reading it you will feel a I do, very proud in belonging to an organization with such effectual outreach; and very humble in the wa God has blessed the combined efforts of us all.

This will be my last general letter through these pages, as president of the Woman's Division of Chris tian Service, as my term of service in this office is ending September 12. My interest, however, in each of yo and in the work will continue to be as vital as before. I give thanks for our fellowship together and pra God's blessing on your continuing effort.

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Jean Brooks

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President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Vice-President

Larry Robinson

Mrs. Paul Arrington
Vice-President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Dear Vice-President:

As you know, this year we have been asked to close the quadrennial emphasis with a fitting climax. You are requested to coopt the secretary of Promotion when plans are made for this program, also for the one in which the goals for the next quadrennium are presented, and any other program which pertains to her responsibilities.

To meet effectively your threefold responsibility, you will need to secure a revised *Handbook for the Vice-President* and a revised copy of *A Guide* as soon as they are available. An excellent training program will be available in your School of Missions this summer. May you find joy in service.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Present plans for the yearbook to the executive committee of the Woman's Society.

Present program: "The World—Beginning in My Community."

Continue or complete the study: "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

Assist circle chairmen in planning their program.

JULY

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present program: "Scatter the Seed in Brazil."

AUGUST

Meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate the programs and study.**
2. **Plan next programs using *Program Book*, "The Islands Await His Word."**
3. **Plan for United Nations Day and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.**
4. **Plan for the study: "Southeast Asia."**

Present program: "How Real Is the Kingdom to Us?"

SEPTEMBER

Present the theme of the *Program Book:* "The Islands Await His Word."

Present program: "The Spirit of Christ—for All of Life."

Begin the study: "Southeast Asia."

OCTOBER

Continue the study.

Observe United Nations Day.

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Present program: " 'Volcanoes' in Southeast Asia."

NOVEMBER

Meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate monthly programs and study classes.**
2. **Plan for Thank Offering service.**
3. **Plan for observance of Human Rights Day.**
4. **Plan for the study: "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern."**
5. **Plan the next programs.**
6. **Coopt the secretary of Promotion in planning for the observance of Epiphany.**

Present program: "The United Nations, a Good Trustee."

Report on the Quadrennial Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

DECEMBER

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Hold Thank Offering service.

Present program: "For All Children . . ."

JANUARY

Observe Epiphany.

Begin the study: "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern."

Present program: "Islands in My Community."

FEBRUARY

Meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. **Evaluate the study classes and monthly programs.**
2. **Give thought on how to cooperate more effectively in the church-wide study.**
3. **Plan for the next quarter:**
   - **a. Day Apart Service**
   - **b. May Fellowship Day**
   - **c. Monthly programs**
   - **d. The study: "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."**

Present program: "Whom Shall I Send?"

MARCH

Begin the study: "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

Present program: "The Church and Mental Health."

Observe a Day Apart.

APRIL

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Plan for the study: "Mission Field—U. S. A."

Present program: "Our Plus Becomes a Cross."

MAY

Begin the study: "Mission Field—U. S. A."

Participate in May Fellowship Day.

Present program: "We Give Because We Love."

Meeting of Committee on Program:

1. **Plan installation service.**
2. **Evaluate the programs and studies—the methods, effectiveness, and results.**
3. **Turn materials over to the new Committee on Program.**

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins

Recording Secretary, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Recording Secretary

Greetings to All Recording Secretaries Everywhere!

Hasn't it been a wonderful year? In fact, hasn't it been a wonderful quadrennium? Of course, you and I have been busy. Sometimes we wondered how we were going to get everything done, but as we look back that was part of the fun—accomplishing the seemingly impossible.

Didn't you learn a great deal more than you ever knew about this great organization which you and I serve? Of course your answer is "Yes." We just had to learn more and become much better informed because of the nature of our job:

We knew the contents of those filed reports.

We knew what the motions were, as well as which were passed and which were not.

We recorded the accomplishments of the secretaries in the various lines of work.

We had to peruse the *Annual Reports* and year books carefully in order to keep up-to-date on officers, board members, by-law changes, accomplishments, and goals.

The secretary of any organization is valuable, but in this Woman's Society of Christian Service she must prove her value at all times. We must write clearly, take down material accurately, read distinctly, be prepared to answer questions concerning the work or know from whom or where the answers can be secured. Busy? Yes. But aren't you glad that you were permitted to serve as recording secretary during the past year or years? We may be wearing out but that is better than rusting out. I know that you did a good job. *Hats off to you!*

But what about you who are brand new recording secretaries? I haven't forgotten you. *Welcome into the ranks.* The Committee on Nominations selected you carefully with the requirements of this job i mind. You should have no difficulty at all.

You will be happy with your work and a bett informed woman as the weeks and months slip b It means so much to be the right kind of secretar You must be sincere, conscientious, true to yo trust, prompt, careful, and exact in all that you d You must write clearly, in good English, keep th records in perfect condition for the present and fo referral in years to come. Remember that well-kep minutes are of great help to the president and t the proper functioning of your Society. Work har do your best. Then you, too, can join the secretaria chorus a year from now in saying, "It has been wonderful year and a wonderful experience."

This is our year at the Schools of Missions. Pla now to come. Join all the other secretaries. Com bring your questions and your problems. We hop that we shall be able to answer them. We will try

Now let all secretaries join in this refrain:

We are the secretaries, old and new,
Who keep the minutes for all of you;
We call the roll and check the motions.
It's lots of work, you have no notion.

We love it, every little bit;
Though we work hard, we're always fit
For this job of secretaryship.

Now if you want to be a secretary in our Society,
Just prove that you have the right ability
To write, to record, to read with clarity
All minutes, letters, resolutions, one, two, three—
For we need special women just like you
To do a good job as secretary—yes, we do.

For we love it, every little bit;
Though we work hard, we're always fit
For this job of secretaryship.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

Dear Treasurer:

The Quarterly Calendar of Activities listed here is a guide to help you in planning your schedule as treasurer.

You have a responsible place in the total program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The flow of funds, which begins in your hands, ends in meeting vital needs of people around the world.

A real opportunity is yours to foster in your members an increasing interest in the support of the work of the Woman's Division, so that the outreach of that work may be ever more effective in helping to bring to all people everywhere the Christian way of life.

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Have your annual report for the year just closed passed by the auditing committee of the church.

Set up your books for the new year.

Hold a meeting of the Committee on Finance early in June to plan for the raising of the budget. Bring recommendations on ways and means to secure funds to the Society for adoption.

Plan with the treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild as to dates when the Guild funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division should be transferred to your account for forwarding to the district or conference treasurer.

Send first quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the date fixed by your conference (probably August 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

With the secretary of Promotion, make further plans for financial promotion.

Cooperate in the program of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, especially in the plans that relate to the offering.

Send second quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably November 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Send for the *Handbook for the Treasurer.*

Third Quarter—December, January, February

See that pledges are paid up to date.

Plan for Christmas Offering if your Society has one.

Ask for an opportunity to present special memberships and Annuity Gifts to the members. Send for Annuity folder.

Plan for Lenten Offering if your Society has one.

Send third quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer (probably by February 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

Urge all members to complete pledge payments for the year.

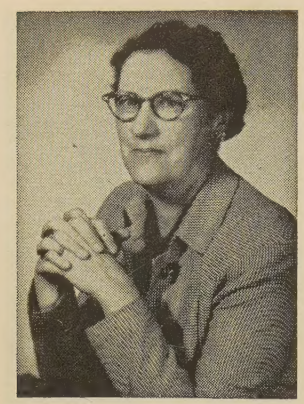
Send fourth quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably May 10). Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, empty your treasury, insofar as possible, and send in all available funds for the work of the Woman's Division.

Prepare your annual report to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare the 1957-1958 budget.

Present that budget for adoption to the Woman's Society and make sure that it is fully understood.

With the Committee on Program, plan a Pledge Service to obtain pledges for the new fiscal year.



Dorcas Hall
Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

Promotion

Dear Secretary:

This calendar is intended to remind you of a few basic things connect with your office.

As all are working for the same purpose, reports prepared in executi committee meeting will help you keep informed about the total progra as well as about your own job.

Cooperate with the other secretaries of the Woman's Society in pr senting the Quadrennial Goals, so that all the women will become famili with them.

This issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN should be kept at hand for ea reference all year.

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Dorcas Hall

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Plan with other officers for presentation of the Quadrennial Goals and suggestions for interpreting them. See pages 21-23 of this issue.

JULY

Familiarize yourself with the new editions of the *Handbook for Promotion, A Guide,* the *Record and Report Book, My Date Book;* also with THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

AUGUST

Give thought to furthering fellowship through local church activities.

SEPTEMBER

Study the goals preparatory to the September program.

In an executive committee meeting, work with all other officers in filling out reports. See that the officers send reports to their respective district officers on or before October 1.

OCTOBER

Cooperate in the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial; United Nations Day.

NOVEMBER

Evaluate the fellowship activities of the past six months.

Use the Thanksgiving service in the October issue.

DECEMBER

At halfway mark, review reports in *Record and Report Book* and measure progress on Check Sheet.

JANUARY

Participate in the observance of Epiphany, Janu ary 6, with special attention to new members.

In an executive committee meeting, work with a other officers in filling out reports. See that the off cers send them to their respective district officers o or before February 1.

FEBRUARY

Familiarize yourself with the course on the Wor of the Woman's Society of Christian Service an Wesleyan Service Guild.

MARCH

Be alert for district and subdistrict meeting date

Order Officers' Training Day materials through th secretary of Literature and Publications.

APRIL

Review the year's work as shown in the *Recor and Report Book.*

Evaluate the fellowship activities of the past si months.

Evaluate the year's use of audio-visual material

MAY

In an executive committee meeting, work with a other officers in filling out reports.

See that the officers send reports to their respectiv district officers by May 31.

Send list of newly elected officers with complet addresses to district secretary of Promotion.

Do your part in setting up Officers' Training Day

Make final check on Check Sheet.

How far have you progressed toward reaching th Goals?

Missionary Education and Service

The secretary of Missionary Education and Service should be prepared by dedication and knowledge to make the largest possible contribution to the Society. Therefore you will doubtless wish to study carefully the first section of the *Handbook*,[1] the free leaflets listed below,[2] the *Program Book*, the current textbooks and guides and be ready to plan with the Committee on Program for the educational work of the Society.

Be alert for missionary news to present at every monthly meeting.

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Secretary of Missionary Education

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Study pages 22 and 23 in the April issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN for 1956-57 materials.

Attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service whenever it is held.

Bring missionary information to monthly meeting.

Send your fourth quarter and annual reports to your district secretary by June 1.

JULY

Become familiar with the 1956-57 *Program Book*.

Present missionary news at your monthly meeting.

AUGUST

Make plans for representatives to accompany you to the district Educational Seminar.

Meet with the Committee on Program. Be prepared to offer suggestions for programs and to initiate study plans for 1956-57.

Present the study plans for 1956-57.

Bring up-to-date missionary news.

SEPTEMBER

Attend the district Educational Seminar.

Present, in detail, plans for the study, "Southeast Asia." Begin the study this month or next.

Share with your Society missionary interviews.

OCTOBER

Give information on those projects of the Woman's Division in Southeast Asia which are to receive gifts from study.

Present suggestions for action following the study, "Southeast Asia." Welcome other suggestions.

Participate in the plans for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Mail your report by October 1.

NOVEMBER

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Complete study, "Southeast Asia." Follow with action and gifts.

Present news of the work of the Woman's Division.

DECEMBER

Plan for the study, "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern."

Cooperate with your church and Society in Christmas planning and sharing.

Share with your Society a Christmas missionary story.

JANUARY

Begin, "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern."

Cooperate with the pastor and the Commission on Missions in the church-wide study, "Methodism in Town—Country," when it is offered.

Share in the church-school missionary studies.

Lift up *Prayer Calendar, Seventeenth Annual Report,* THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK as sources of missionary information.

FEBRUARY

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Plan for the study, "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

Present ideas for action following current study.

Bring news of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division.

Mail your report by February 1.

MARCH

Begin the study, "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

Bring in pertinent missionary news.

APRIL

Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day.

Plan for the study, "Mission Field: U. S. A."

Present ideas for action following current study.

By some clever device summarize the missionary enterprise from Paul to the present.

MAY

Begin the study, "Mission Field: U. S. A."

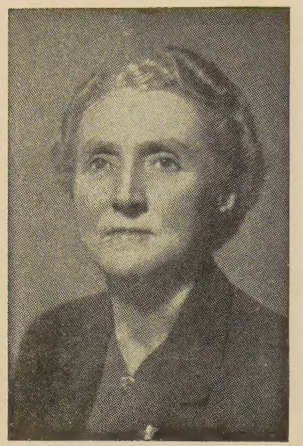
Register for your conference School of Missions.

Attend Officers' Training Day.

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Describe a project indicative of new techniques in Christian missions.

[1] *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service.*
[2] *Study and Action* leaflet (1956-57); *Ways of Conducting Study Classes; Questions and Answers on Missionary Education.* Free for postage. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.



Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Christian Social Relations

Dear Secretary:

In this first year of the new quadrennium, Methodist women across the country are seeking increasingly *to understand our world in the spirit of Christ.* Secretaries of Christian Social Relations with their committees can help provide guidance and resources. For this purpose some essential tools should be secured at once from Literature Headquarters. These include the *Handbook* (1956-60); *Activities for 1956-57;* and other materials suggested in these publications and on the Christian Social Relations pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN.

The following suggestions may serve as reminders of some of the things that need to be done from month to month by the secretary and her committee.

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Thelma Stevens

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Study the Quadrennial Program in the May, 1956, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Plan your emphases. Mail your fourth quarter's report June 1.

JULY-AUGUST

Assemble materials on election issues. Plan for Citizenship Brunches. (See July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

SEPTEMBER

Continue work on Citizenship Brunches.

OCTOBER

Cooperate in observance of U.N. Week and World Order Sunday. (See September issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Mail report on or before October 1.

NOVEMBER

Cooperate in World Community Day observance. (Secure materials from United Church Women.[1])

DECEMBER

Cooperate in church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday, December 2; observe Human Rights Day, December 10. (See October issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

JANUARY

Observe Church and Economic Life Week with special emphasis on farm problems.

Cooperate in Study and Action program related to "Youth in a Responsible Society."

FEBRUARY

Check results of Human Rights Day plans.

Mail report on or before February 1.

MARCH

Committee should study new recommendations (March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN).

APRIL

Plan observance of Family Life Week.

MAY

Observe May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week.

Mail your report before June 1.

[1] 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear President:

This page is for you and for all the officers and committees of your unit. Each officer should make use of the Calendar of Activities pertaining to her special line of work, in addition to the one on this page. You will be benefited in your work by being able to refer to this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN continually throughout the year.

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Lillian A. Johnson

Lillian A. Johnson
Secretary of
Wesleyan Service Guild

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

The president of the unit and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service meet to discuss plans for things the Guild and the Woman's Society will want to do together. The president and the treasurer of the Guild arrange to attend executive meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as regular members of this committee.

The new secretary of Promotion and the treasurer receive their report books from the outgoing officers. The Membership Book goes to the recording secretary.

The Executive Committee and the Committee on Program meet to make plans for the year. There should be special emphasis on the new Quadrennial Goals.

The Committee on Finance meets to prepare the budget.

JULY

The Committee on Status of Women gives special attention to the Service Activity Cards, taking note of pertinent information before filing the cards.

The Committee on Program meets again to make detailed plans for the year.

The Committee on Spiritual Life meets. This committee considers suggestions from the Committee on Program and gives some ideas to that committee.

AUGUST

Plan for approved study courses.

SEPTEMBER

The Guild vice-president confers with the vice-president of the Woman's Society on plans for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

The Committee on Literature and Publications announces and displays new materials of the Woman's Division.

OCTOBER

Present the United Nations through displays and suggestions for action.

NOVEMBER

Plan for Human Rights Day, December 10, in cooperation with other organizations of the church.

DECEMBER

The Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service make plans for Guild month.

JANUARY

January is Guild month. Make special plans for recruiting new members, for publicizing the Guild, and for a joint meeting of the Woman's Society and Guild.

FEBRUARY

The Committee on Program evaluates the work of the first half of the year.

The Committee on Nominations meets.

MARCH

March 8 is World Day of Prayer.

Give special emphasis at the monthly meeting on THE MEHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

The Committee on Spiritual Life takes leadership in arranging a Guild Lenten Communion Breakfast.

APRIL

Election of officers.

Present the program on the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Plan for attendance at the Summer School of Missions and Christian Service and the Conference Guild Weekend.

MAY

Hold the pledge service at the regular May meeting. (See *Program Book.*)

Jean Sardou Studio

Dorothy A. Nyland
Secretary of Student Work

Student Work

Dear Secretary of Student Work:

How many students have you challenged to serve in the world mission of the church at home or abroad? Have you suggested to service men and women that they visit the work of the church wherever they are stationed and report their experience to you?

Yours is a great opportunity as secretary of Student Work. May God bless you.

Yours in fellowship,

Dorothy A. Nyland

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Cooperate in church plans for the observance of Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). See that the church offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund is sent to the treasurer of your conference Board of Education.

July

Suggest and urge that students be used in summer church program—in choir, vacation church school, teaching in church school.

Fill out Student Introduction Cards* for those entering colleges in fall. Mail directly to Methodist Campus Director of Religious Life, Director of Wesley Foundation, or to the pastor of the church. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY JULY 15.

August

Encourage students to give their lives in world mission of the church at home or abroad. (See *Methodist Service Projects.**)

Subscribe to the student magazine, *motive.* Order from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

September

Plan recognition of students leaving for college. If in a college town, plan to recognize college students attending your church.

Mail devotional materials to students away from home and to service personnel. Encourage those in service to visit church where they are.

(See *Directory of Methodist Missions Overseas.* Order from Editorial Department, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.)

October

World-Wide Communion Sunday. Opportunity to help students become world-minded.

Share materials on missions with students and service personnel.

Mail report on or before October 1.

November

Entertain students from overseas, especially during holidays. Contact foreign student advisor on campus for names.

December

Work with pastor in the observance of Student Recognition Day. Welcome students home with fellowship tea or brunch. Challenge them with Christian vocations.

January

Write letters to students and service personnel away from home. Send devotional booklet, *Power.* (Order from P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.)

February

Race Relations Day (second Sunday).

Suggest missionary materials for student libraries.

World's Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer (third Sunday).

Mail report on or before February 1.

March

Suggest to the Committee on Program that a deputation team of students from nearby college be invited to lead a worship service and participate in Woman's Society meeting.

Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service. (Order *Methodist Service Projects* from Literature Headquarters.)

April

Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church.

May

Encourage high-school seniors to go to college. Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Urge World Christian Community chairman to attend the Methodist Student Regional Leadership Training Conference.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Youth Work

Memo to the Secretary of Youth Work:

The opportunities which the Woman's Society has in the unified program of missionary education of youth are realized by the secretary of Youth Work as she carries out her responsibilities in the MYF. You will help to make Christian Outreach an important part of the MYF program.

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Helen L. Johnson

Helen L. Johnson
Secretary of Youth Work

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Become familiar with *Youth Planbook, 1956-57.*[1] Review *Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship,** and *Guidebook for Workers with Youth.**

Work with the MYF council in planning for Youth Activities Week.

Help in making it possible for youth to attend camp, institute, or assembly.

Encourage members of the MYF who have not done so, to make new MYFund pledges.

July-August

Enrich your leadership by attending some training agency such as: School of Missions and Christian Service, Leadership School, MYF Leadership Conference or Workshop.

Order materials for intermediates, seniors, and older youth on missionary themes, "Southeast Asia" and "Mission Field: U. S. A."

September

Work with the MYF council to make the concerns in Christian Outreach an important part of the MYF program.

Counsel with the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning; provide the program material *Bridges to Understanding.**

Plan with MYF council and adult workers with intermediates for MYFund promotion during the coming months.

October

Consider ways to help youth participate in World-wide Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and United Nations Day.

Cooperate with the local church committee on Christian Vocations in plans for the coming months.

Suggest that the fellowship of adult workers meet to consider ways of using supplementary missionary materials in forthcoming missionary units.

November

Provide resources for adult leaders in the intermediate department to enrich the study of "Mission Field: U. S. A." (See *Missionary Materials for Youth* 2125-B.*)

Tell the Woman's Society about plans for promoting Christian Outreach in the MYF.

December

Encourage the MYF to observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

January

Provide resources for adult workers in the MYF for their study of "Southeast Asia." (See *Missionary Materials for Youth* 2125-B * and the fall issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin.*[2])

Cooperate in plans for youth to participate in the church school of missions (whenever it is held).

February

Encourage youth to participate in observing the World Day of Prayer, March 8.

March

Check on MYFund giving. All pledges should be paid in full by the end of April or the first of May.

Make resources for the study of "Mission Field: U. S. A." available to adult workers with seniors in the MYF. (See *Missionary Materials for Youth* 2125-B * and the winter issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin.*[2])

April

Plan ways to use "Supply List" (2278-B).[2]

May

Attend appropriate sessions on Officers' Training Day.

Assist the MYF in plans for an MYFund pledge service.

Urge youth attending summer camps, institutes, and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengthening Christian Outreach in the MYF.

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[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House which serves you.

[2] Order from Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

* Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Ruby Van Hooser
Secretary of Children's Work

Children's Work

Dear Secretary:

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has committed to you an important task. Together with other teachers in the church school you have been given the responsibility of sharing in the work of the total program of *The Methodist Church* for children, a program in which missionary education has a vital place. May the new year bring you deep satisfaction in this service.

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Ruby Van Hooser

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June, July, August

Attend Officers' Training Day of Woman's Society.

Cooperate in vacation church school.

Present summer plans for children's division to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Read leaflet, "Secretary of Children's Work";* read pages on Children's Work in The Methodist Woman.

Take training in one of the following: Conference School of Missions, Leadership School, Laboratory School, Observation School, or Children's Workers' Conference.

September, October, November

Read: pages on Children's Work in The Methodist Woman; also *Child Guidance in Christian Living*[1] for September, 1956.

Meet with council of children's workers to plan year's work, including missionary education. (September)

Report to Woman's Society and display current missionary materials.

Attend leadership classes for children's workers in the local church or district.

Plan with children's workers for Thanksgiving.

Attend seminar of Woman's Society for study emphases for year.

Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

Plan with council of children's workers for Christmas.

Attend district institutes on missionary education of children.

December, January, February

Assist in planning for the missionary units in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

Read: monthly articles on missionary education of children in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*[1] and The Methodist Woman.

Participate in Christmas activities for children.

Be familiar with the missionary units in the regular church-school lesson materials. Also read the manuals for use in additional sessions for primary and junior children. Be prepared to suggest helpful resources.

Read: *Trails for Juniors,*[1] *Pictures and Stories.*[1] Read and promote the use of the January issue of *The Christian Home.*[1]

Report to Woman's Society on activities of children in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

March, April, May

Read: pages on Children's Work in The Methodist Woman.

Attend vacation church school institute or workshop.

Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Life Week and Children's Day.

Share in plans for vacation church school.

Report on children's work to Woman's Society.

When juniors in your church meet in additional sessions each week, note the missionary unit in "Additional Sessions for Juniors" printed in *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] May, 1957. Be ready with helpful resources.

Attend district meeting of Woman's Society.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

Spiritual Life

Spiritual growth is basic to the Christian development of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Constant nurture is necessary and this is the responsibility of the secretary of Spiritual Life.

This Calendar of Activities lists some suggestions that will help in carrying out this responsibility. You will think of others. Mail reports on or before October 1, February 1, June 1. May we be alert to the spiritual needs of our women and, as far as possible, be ready with answers to meet these needs.

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Mrs. H. C. Leonard

Mrs. H. C. Leonard
Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Study the *Handbook for Secretaries of Spiritual Life* * and have your duties clearly in mind.

Secure and study *Program Book* * and *Worship Booklet** as a member of the Committee on Program.

Secure booklet, *Worship Settings*,* Spiritual Life Packet,* and other helpful materials in the promotion of Spiritual Life.

Pray for Christian Service Recruitment, Methodist Student Day, June 10.

July

Attend School of Missions and Christian Service.

Call a meeting of Committee on Spiritual Life and develop plans for promotion of Spiritual Life.

Learn duties of church Commission on Membership and Evangelism and cooperate in plans.

August

Check the Spiritual Life bookshelf to see that it contains materials on prayer, personal devotions, evangelism, stewardship, and Christian service.

September

Cooperate with Committee on Program in plans for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Encourage participation in prayer groups.

Promote use of *Prayer Calendar*.*

Enroll women in the Fellowship of Intercession.

Encourage participation in World-wide Communion Sunday, October 7.

October

Hold a meeting of Spiritual Life Committee.

Complete plans for observance of the Quiet Day during Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

Cooperate in plans for World Order Day, October 21; United Nations Day, October 24; World Peace Sunday, November 4.

November

Cooperate in plans for special Thanksgiving services; Human Rights Day, December 10.

Visit and distribute literature to shut-ins.

December

Make Christmas activities more Christian.

Prepare for the time of Epiphany in January.

Cooperate in observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 9.

Pray especially for Christian Service Recruitment, Student Recognition Day, December 30.

January

Encourage personal daily quiet time for prayer, Bible reading, and meditation.

Participate in the observance of Epiphany—a time of personal reconsecration, Friday, January 6. Present Stewardship Cards.*

Begin preparation for the Lenten season.

Cooperate in plans for observing Race Relations Sunday, February 10.

February

Urge attendance at World Day of Prayer, March 8.

Make final plans for study, "Paul's Letters to the Local Churches."

March

Begin study, "Paul's Letters to the Local Churches."

Cooperate with the pastor in evangelistic pre-Easter emphasis.

Plan for Day Apart during Lenten season. (See program in The Methodist Woman.)

Day of Dedication, March 10.

April

Follow Easter with Stewardship emphasis.

Cooperate in plans to observe National Family Week beginning May 6.

Present helps for family worship.

May

Pray for Christian homes.

Assist in plans for pledge service.

Secure new *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet*.

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Harry Carlson

Mrs. C. C. Long
Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature

Literature and Publications

Dear Secretary:

The office of secretary of Literature and Publications is a most importan one, as you promote all of the literature published by the Woman's Divisio Order literature at least three weeks before it is needed. Many helps ar available for you—the *Catalogue,* the *Handbook for Literature and Pub lications,* and the *Subscription Record Book.* Also the Procedural File.

Be sure to send your summary card with your church account numbe (which appears in your *Subscription Record Book*) with every subscriptio order. This is the only acknowledgement which will be returned to you

Thanks for your many devoted services.

Literature Headquarters
7820 Reading Road
Cincinnati 37, Ohio

Ruth A. Long
MRS. C. C. LONG

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Secure renewals and new subscriptions every month

JUNE

Write for new *Catalogue.** Study carefully.

If a new secretary, send name and address and name and address of your church to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Secure *Subscription Record Book* and Procedural File from the former secretary of Literature and Publications.

JULY

Assist in literature display rooms at summer schools if needed. MAKE *Prayer Calendar** LIVE.

Order the *Program Book,** *Worship Booklet,** *My Date Book.**

Serve on Committee on Program.

AUGUST

Inform and enthuse other secretaries concerning new material available for all lines of work. Information found in *Catalogue* and on back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

SEPTEMBER

You have received a sample packet of Week of Prayer material from your district officer. Give immediately to the secretary of Spiritual Life.

Order additional material for Week of Prayer from Literature Headquarters, at least three weeks before needed.

Send report to your district secretary of Literature and Publications by October 1.

OCTOBER

Work to bring in all combination renewals to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK secured in the October, 1955, drive. Watch THE METHODIST WOMAN for plans.

NOVEMBER

What's new? Tell others! See back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Encourage Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Beautiful gift card will be sent.

DECEMBER

Suggest a gift from the Society of a year's subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for each new member.

JANUARY

Seventeenth Annual Report ready about January 27. A *must* for every Society. Order early.

Send report to the district secretary of Literature and Publications by February 1.

FEBRUARY

Plan display of books for Lent.

Help all members become familiar with new material listed on back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

MARCH

Order promotional materials to be used on Officers Training Day.

APRIL

This is the month set for the drive to secure combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Work, WORK, WORK. Help your district win the banner award.

Plan to attend Officers' Training Day.

MAY

Order copies of *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet** for 1957-1958.

Secure subscriptions—new and renewals.

Send report to the district secretary of Literature and Publications by June 1.

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* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Supply Work

Dear Secretary:

This is a high moment as we look ahead and anticipate the great service to be rendered through Supply Work. Specific duties of a secretary and suggestions for promoting the work are given in the *Handbook for the Secretary of Supply Work;* this deserves your careful study. May you know the real joy of sharing in Kingdom extension as you witness through Supply Work this year.

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Wilma Barr

MRS. C. A. BARR

Mrs. C. A. Barr
Chairman, Standing Committee on Supply Work

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Order and familiarize yourself with: *Handbook for the Secretary of Supply Work,* 35 cents; *Do You Know? Work of the Home Department,* 25 cents; *Do You Know? Work of the Foreign Department,* 25 cents; the *Sixteenth Annual Report,* 60 cents; *Does It Count?* free for postage.*

Present to the Society for consideration and acceptance the list of askings received from the district (or conference) secretary of Supply Work.

Meet with the chairman of Supply Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Youth Work, the secretary of Children's Work, and the treasurer to discuss the plan of Supply Work.

JULY

Subscribe to and *read* THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.* (Combination subscription $2.30.)

Use the *Prayer Calendar* * (50 cents) in your daily worship. Interest in all workers and the work of the Woman's Division will be quickened.

Direct treasurer to send Cash for Christmas Supply Work through the regular channels of finance this period, in order that it may reach the institution or station of work at an early date.

AUGUST

Collect articles and/or materials needed by one or more institutions in the home field assigned to your Society. Pack box carefully; fill out Shipment of Goods blank (follow directions on page 12 in *Handbook*). All boxes *must* be sent *prepaid.*

SEPTEMBER

Share with the Society all letters received from deaconesses and/or missionaries serving in institutions for which the Society is doing Supply Work.

Send report to district secretary of Supply Work on or before October 1. Check with treasurer on amount sent as Cash for Supply Work. Your figure must tally with amount sent.

OCTOBER

Present needs of a home missions institution on the list of askings.

Give some Cash for Supply Work to an institution in foreign fields on the list of askings. Notify institutions when cash is sent. Money must always be sent through regular channels of finance.

NOVEMBER

Keep Society informed on the progress being made in meeting the needs on the list of askings.

DECEMBER

Consult with chairman of Supply Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Youth Work, and the secretary of Children's Work to learn their plans for Supply Work during remainder of year.

JANUARY

Do some Supply Work for an institution in the home and/or foreign fields on your list of askings.

Send report to district secretary of Supply Work on or before February 1. Check with the treasurer on amount sent as Cash for Supply Work.

FEBRUARY

Check the askings list carefully. Is your Society meeting the needs listed? Make plans now for the completion of the list by close of year.

MARCH

Send box of materials and/or articles needed by an institution in the home field assigned to your Society. All boxes *must* be sent *prepaid.*

APRIL

Give some Cash for Supply Work to an institution in the foreign field on your list of askings.

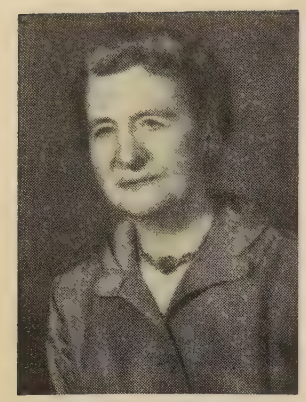
MAY

Report on work to Woman's Society.

Send third and annual reports to district secretary of Supply Work on or before June 1. Check with treasurer on amount of Cash for Supply Work sent in.

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.



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Chairman, Standing Committee on Status of Women

Status of Women

We continue our Calendar of Activities, as it reaches more women than any other channel we have found. This year, again, we stress the need for the Status of Women Committee to make a definite study of all related materials; i.e., the *Handbook*, the *Discipline*, THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, By-laws, and leaflets. This is especially important as many new chairmen will come into office. May we continue to seek and find spiritual insight and guidance for this all-important task.

Millsaps College
Jackson, Mississippi

Cora R. Ratliff

MRS. W. H. RATLIFF

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

Cooperate with the president in setting up the Status of Women Committee.

The Committee on the Status of Women must make a definite study of all materials; i.e., *Handbook,* A Guide,* Discipline,* leaflets, and all allied books and periodicals.

Subscribe to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Secure Service Activity Cards * for the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Collect a reading and reference shelf of books.

Keep a clipping file of achievements of women.

As a member of the Committee on Program:

1. **Keep before you opportunities for the development of every woman.**
2. **Watch for opportunities for service in church and community.**
3. **Present varied and interesting phases of your work.**

Continue to cooperate with the Department of Christian Social Relations in the National Citizens' Roll Call.

Report to your district secretary by October 1.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY

Service Activity Cards should be used continuously, if the file is to be kept up to date and have current value. Where practical, prepare two sets of these cards, making one set available to the pastor and one set available to the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Call the pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for membership on church boards and commissions.

There is a Status of Women Commission in the United Nations. Material from this commission may be secured from our official U.N. observer, Mrs. Margaret Bender, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Use this information to help our women see what has been done by this commission. Keep informed about women delegates serving in the U.N.

Secure the poster, "Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church." *

Prepare a similar poster for your local church showing where women are serving on your local boards and commissions. Place on your church bulletin board.

Continue the study of all Status of Women materials.

Report to your district secretary by February 1.

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY

Secure the Annual Report from the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor in Washington D. C. This pamphlet is free and contains much valuable information on status of women in the United States.

Bring the findings from this bulletin to your local Woman's Society.

Watch the back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for all new publications relating to the Status of Women. Secure this material and present to your local women. This is most important.

Cooperate with the Wesleyan Service Guild in finding opportunities for service in church and community. Refer to the file of Service Activity Cards.

Be alert to the young wives in your community. Often this is the "forgotten" group.

In your planning, include young mothers and employed women who work on "split" shifts. All women are of concern and interest to us.

Watch for and support legislation which affects women.

Urge the support of well-qualified women seeking places of responsibility in the community, state, and nation.

Pass to your successor the records and materials which you have found helpful.

Report to your district secretary by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

SPECIAL INTERESTS, 1956-60

The Wesleyan Service Guild emphasizes certain projects as Special Interests in order to personalize the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. At each annual meeting the standing committee spends time discussing these Special Interests, but it is generally understood that if there are to be changes, they are made at the beginning of the quadrennium.

It is very difficult to make changes, for we look upon these "Special Interests" as old and dear friends. However, Guild members should be given opportunity to make new friends. This next quadrennium, we plan to introduce to you some very new friends in the foreign field, since some of the Special Interests are selected from the newest work of the Woman's Division.

On the home field we are to focus our attention particularly on educational institutions and residence halls for young women. We shall study all of the residence halls with the exception of those which are conference projects. In the educational institutions, we have included schools serving various age groups and with varying types of program.

Plans for choosing these Special Interests were made in close cooperation with the staff of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We are very appreciative of their assistance.

Our 1952-56 Special Interests will continue until September. We shall not forget the wonderful experience we have had during the past years with our missionaries and deaconesses and the institutions they serve. Now that we know them better we are surely more eager than ever to give them our support by way of prayer, service, and gifts. We should be happy in the realization that our financial support goes to the total work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, so that basically we never "drop" one of our former Special Interests.

FOREIGN

Public Health and Nursing Education

Africa—

- Public Health Dispensary, Il Maten, North Africa
- Public Health and Nursing, Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia

Latin America—

- Centro MacDonnell, Durango, Mexico; social center and medical clinic
- Escuela Agricola y Industrial, Preston, Oriente, Cuba; public health among the students and people of the surrounding area

Korea and Japan—

- Clinic and Public Health in Kangneung District, Korea
- Tai Wha Community Center, Seoul, Korea
- Fukushima Center, Hiroshima, Japan; social center

Southeast Asia—

- Public Health Center, Rangoon, Burma
- Medical and Social Center, Sibu, Sarawak
- Dyak Medical Work, Sarawak

India—

- Public Health and Simri Village Center, Buxar, Bihar
- Linn Dispensary and Health Center, Yellari, Yadgiri Taluq, Deccan
- Health Dispensary, Belgaum District
- Nursing Education, Methodist Hospital, Nadiad
- Public Health, Vikarabad, Deccan
- Public Health, Madar Union Sanatorium, Ajmer

HOME

Educational Institutions—

- Allen High School, Asheville, North Carolina
- Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas
- National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri
- Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico
- Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina
- Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, Louisiana
- Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky
- Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi

Residence Halls—

- Killingsworth Home, Columbia, South Carolina
- Friendship Home, Los Angeles, California
- Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, California
- Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, California
- Iowa National Esther Hall, Des Moines, Iowa
- Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Alma Mathews House, New York, New York
- Flower Esther Hall, Toledo, Ohio
- Esther Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio
- McKelvey Hall, Columbus, Ohio
- Young Woman's Cooperative Home, Houston, Texas
- Esther Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Esther Hall, Ogden, Utah
- Susannah Wesley Hall, Newport News, Virginia
- Wilson Inn, Richmond, Virginia

India's Need of Missionaries

By LUCILE COLONY

"PLEASE continue to send us missionaries. The Indian church needs the friendship and cooperation of the American church," earnestly commented one of India's most influential political leaders as she conversed with Miss Thelma Stevens, recently a guest in India.

"Can you help me by sending two missionaries qualified in any of the following subjects, or combination of subjects?

"1. English with religious education and vocational guidance or counseling.

"2. Educational and experimental psychology.

"3. Nursery education or home economics combined with either religious education or educational arts and crafts.

"4. A person well-trained in primary school methods.

"Our primary school needs an overhauling. *Now* is the time to get someone with real interest, zeal, inspiration, and special training to make it into a model basic school. The person who helps us must have a bias toward handwork, art, and the ability to correlate crafts with other subjects in the curriculum."

The above is a request, just received, from an Indian president of a Methodist Woman's Teacher Training College.

These clear calls for American missionaries are in contrast to the general impression here that missionary service is nearing an end in India. There probably is not a balance between these two current ideas. Many Indian Christians, ecumenical in their outlook, believe strongly that there must continue in India the open witness that Christianity is a universal faith, above national, racial, and political barriers. They desire Christians from other lands to share with them, now and always, responsibility for the work of the Church. Subscribing to this conviction, many western Christians are coming to believe, likewise, that the time has arrived when the missionary personnel in all lands should be more and more international in character.

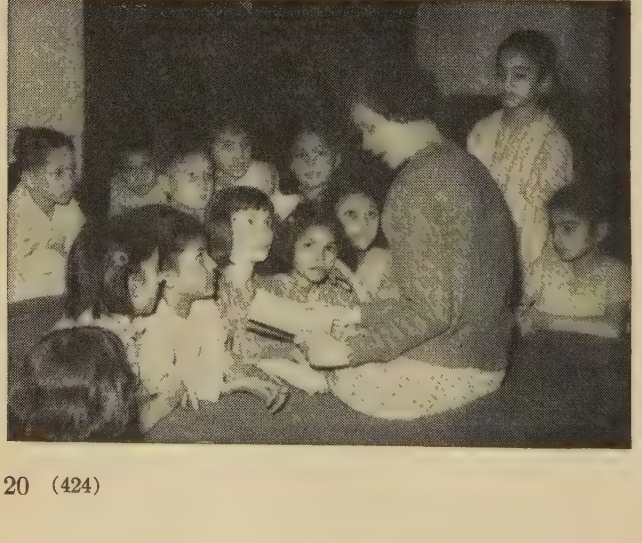
Other sincere members of the Indian church, however, feel that the turning over of responsibility to nationals has been too slow. They will rejoice when the church is strong enough to find all its workers and resources within its own membership. Today, however, the common task of both Indian Christians and missionaries is the further strengthening of the church that its "bud may come to glorious flower."

Government restrictions limit the number of missionaries who may work in India. Only mature, not old, persons with outstanding training and experience in their chosen profession will be granted visas. Missionaries may not fill the place for which a qualified Indian is available. Doctors, nurses, medical technicians, occupational and physical therapists, psychiatric workers, public health nurses and doctors have little difficulty in securing government permission to enter India. The same is true for missionaries in various specialized fields of education and rural work. But all must possess graduate degrees.

The Indian church reserves the right to invite into its fellowship as co-workers, those whom it needs. High professional training and experience naturally are desired, but it is in the area of spiritual qualifications where lies the supreme requirement. Ordinary, normal Christians are not wanted. "Dynamic missionary vision founded and nurtured in the individual's experience of God in Christ and in the membership of the Church is more necessary now than ever before. Only those who possess this vision in humility and wisdom that relates them to men of other races and religions can qualify for service in India," says Dr. Roland W. Scott, recently one of the secretaries of the National Christian Council of India.

To serve as a Christian missionary in India is the high privilege that will be given to a selected number of Methodist young women each year. In fellowship with Indian co-workers, their lives will be channels through which Christ's blessings will reach others.

Kohli Brothers



Younger children charmed by a bedtime story in the dormitory of the Methodist High School, Kanpur, India.

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

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THE QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM, 1956-1960

During the next four years the symbol, theme, and goals shown here will become increasingly familiar to the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild in this country and in various other lands.

The symbol shows the figure of Christ with arms outstretched to the world—in invitation, compassion, benediction. The sheaves of wheat are a familiar Christian symbol for that fullness of life taught, lived, and shared by Jesus Christ.

The theme—*THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST—FOR ALL OF LIFE*—is self-explanatory and at the same time limitless. It is a goal toward which to strive even while we recognize that it will always lie beyond our powers of human attainment.

THE CALL which comes to every woman of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild is voiced through seven goals; and under each goal are a limited number of interpretative suggestions. These suggestions are by no means all-inclusive. In every Society and Guild there will undoubtedly be many points to be added, in amplifying and applying the goals. Also, it will be noted that these goals are not the individual responsibility of any one line of work; together, all may work toward the fulfilling of each one. The work needs to be integrated for the greater enrichment of all.

Further, they are expressed as goals for *each individual woman;* for only as we seek to attain the ideal as individuals, can the group move forward. A redeemed society cannot exist apart from the human personalities within it.

These seven are general long-range goals upon which as Christian women we fix our eyes. They are not intended to serve as a check-sheet for our progress, except in the broadest terms. More specific check-sheets will be suggested for this practical purpose. But for these four years we shall together "press toward the mark" as we attempt to answer the Call.

QUADRENNIAL GOALS—1956-1960

The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life

The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild—

1. To COMMIT HERSELF TO THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

By

Studying to know the spirit and principles of Christ.

Seeking personally to obtain the spirit of Christ.

Practicing the principles of Christ in everyday living.

Communicating to others the joy of discovering Christ.

2. To ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

By

Attending church services regularly.

Giving time, talent, and support systematically and thoughtfully.

Sharing in church and community programs for all age groups.

Helping train youth and students for Christian responsibility.

3. To INTERPRET THE PLACE OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

By

Making known the objectives of these educational institutions.

Showing how they are related to the world mission of the church.

4. To CONFRONT THE LOCAL CHURCH WITH THE CHALLENGE OF RECRUITMENT FOR MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS SERVICE

By

Cooperating through every channel of missionary education.

Alerting young people to the needs of the world.

Creating an awareness of the diversity of opportunities in missionary service.

5. To CREATE A FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT BARRIERS IN LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

By

Practicing the principles in the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Welcoming into worship and service all who seek to follow Christ.

Urging persons of all cultures and races into the fellowship and activities of the church.

6. To IDENTIFY HERSELF WITH PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

By

Becoming acquainted with the missionary program.

Evaluating her own personal relationships with others.

Cultivating opportunities to learn from people of all races and cultures.

Losing herself in the joy, sorrow, needs, and achievements of others.

Giving of self, time, and possessions for others.

7. To SPEAK AND ACT BOLDLY IN CHRIST'S NAME FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

By

Standing with courage and strength for the principles of Christ.

Studying to understand the meaning of justice and peace for all.

Practicing peace and justice in daily attitudes.

Supporting the United Nations in its program for justice and peace.

The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life

A SERVICE OF MEDITATION ON THE QUADRENNIAL GOALS

By MAUDE WHITE HARDIE

SILENT MEDITATION: (with accompaniment of soft music of Hymn No. 182, *The Methodist Hymnal*)

"O Spirit of the Living God,
Thou Light and Fire Divine:
Descend upon Thy Church once more
And make it truly Thine!
Fill it with love and joy and power,
With righteousness and peace,
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
And sin and sorrow cease.

"Blow, Wind of God! With wisdom blow
Until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt,
Which blind our eyes to Thee!
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
With flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all Thy great Good News,
God's glorious Commonweal!

"Teach us to utter living words
Of truth which all may hear,
The language all men understand
When love speaks, loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime
Shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one brotherhood
By whom Thy will is done.

"So shall we know the power of Him
Who came mankind to save.
So shall we rise with Him to life
Which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness,
Which makes Thy children whole,
Till, perfected by Thee, we preach
Creation's glorious goal!" [1]

(HENRY H. TWEEDY)

SOLO: Verse 1, Hymn No. 182

LEADER: The Spirit of Christ for all of life! The Call is to every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. In these moments of quiet, may we put aside all distracting thoughts.

(Pause)

As we listen to this seven-fold call, may we see each Goal as a commitment which we, as members of these local groups, will have held before us.

(Pause)

May we see each Goal in its relationship to the Theme, without which it loses its meaning.

(Pause)

May we see the seven Goals in their relationship to one another—for without all, none is complete.

(Pause)

"Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
With flaming love and zeal!"

We need a near look—and a long look.

Our own commitment, and the joy of discovering Christ, are an immediate essential; and, ultimately, the realization that there is no stopping-place, short of the whole world. "We believe in a Christlike world. We can think of nothing better: we can be content with nothing less."

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER: "Glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus!"

SOLO:

"Jesus, with Thy Church abide;
Be her Saviour, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us.

"May her lamp of truth be bright;
Bid her bear aloft its light
Thro' the realms of pagan night:
We beseech Thee, hear us.

"Judge her not for work undone,
Judge her not for fields unwon,
Bless her works in Thee begun:
We beseech Thee, hear us."

(Hymn No. 380, *The Methodist Hymnal*, verses 1, 4, 5)

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to accept responsibility in the total program of the local church.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

"Thy life the bond of fellowship,
Thy love the law that rules,

[1] Used by permission of Mrs. Henry H. Tweedy.

Thy Name, proclaimed by every lip,
The Master of our schools." [2]

(Louis F. Benson, Hymn No. 559,
The Methodist Hymnal, verse 5)

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to interpret the place of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the world mission of the Church.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER:

"Lord, speak to me that *I* may speak. . . .
O teach me, Lord, that *I* may teach. . . .
O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord. . . ."
For "the harvest . . . is plenteous,
But the labourers are few."

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment for missionary and deaconess service.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER:

"Create in us the splendor that dawns when hearts are kind,
That knows not race nor station as boundaries of the mind;
That learns to value beauty, in heart, or brain, or soul,
And longs to bind God's children into one perfect whole." [3]

(S. Ralph Harlow, Hymn No. 266,
The Methodist Hymnal, verse 4)

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to create a fellowship without barriers in local church and community.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER: We echo words addressed to members of the early Church:

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body."

(Hebrews 13:3, RSV)

Toward the ideal for which the Master prayed, "That all may be one."

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to identify herself with peoples of the world.

(Moment of silence)

LEADER: Let us unite in the reading of our last Goal, and pray in unison for strength towards its fulfillment.

RESPONSE: The Call is to every member to speak and act boldly in Christ's name for justice and peace for all people.

UNISON PRAYER: "O Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life, who hast called us to help build the city of God; do Thou enrich and purify our lives and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of Thee, and through us by the power of Thy Spirit show forth Thyself to other men. Make us humble, brave, and loving; make us ready for adventure. We do not ask that Thou wilt keep us safe, but that Thou wilt keep us loyal; who for us didst face death unafraid, and dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen."

(*The Book of Worship,* page 500)

CLOSING HYMN *(seated):* "Father of Lights" (tune "Ancient of Days," No. 59, *The Methodist Hymnal*)

"Father of lights, in whom there is no shadow,
Giver of every good and perfect gift:
With one accord we seek thy holy presence,
Gladly our hearts to thee in praise we lift.

"Glad for the cause that binds our lives together,
Through thee united, worshiping as one:
Glad for the crowning gift that thou hast given
Sending, to light the world, thine only Son.

"Light of the world, through whom we know the Father!
Pour out upon us thine abiding love,
That we may know its depth and height and splendor,
That heaven may come to earth from heaven above."

"Thou art the Christ! To thee we owe allegiance.
May our devotion sweep from sea to sea,
Even as we, the gift from thee receiving,
Joyfully minister that gift for thee." [4] Amen.

(Elizabeth Wilson and Helen Thoburn)

SILENT PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL BENEDICTION: Music, "Let the Words of My Mouth" (No. 597, *The Methodist Hymnal*)

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DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

THELMA STEVENS, *Executive Secretary*

To Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Wesleyan Service Guilds

Dear Friends:

LAST month these pages brought you a general over-all view of the emphases which will be the special responsibility of the secretary of Christian Social Relations as she works on her particular contribution in bringing us closer to the general goal of the Woman's Society during the next four years.

The seven points which make explicit the goal of "The Spirit of Christ—for All of Life" belong to all of us. However, each line of work will have special responsibility for finding the ways in which it can be most helpful in bringing these goals more nearly within our grasp. The four-point program of the Department of Christian Social Relations is a means toward this end. To be effective it must be worked on with a deep sense of its relationship to the whole. The spirit of Christ for all of life can never prevail until we do everything possible toward advancing the understanding of our world in the spirit of Christ.

You will have noted that four points in this quadrennial emphasis of the department are followed by the sentence, "In full recognition of the fact that *'All Action Is Local'* this quadrennial program is directed to the local woman in the local church." This month, therefore, these pages will bring you some ways in which local church women can work toward the interpretation and implementation of these emphases. Probably none of us have looked at these emphases without a heavy sense of the tremendous amount that needs to be done. Fortunately, however, we also realize with a lift of hope and inspiration the privilege that such a task offers us. No one is challenged by an easy task. In these days of tension, it is comforting to have a hard task to do if one feels that that task may be important in bringing us toward a better world where tensions can be relaxed and we can live more in accordance with God's will.

Several new publications will be of particular interest and help to you.

1. A collection of materials on civil rights and civil liberties has recently been issued under the title *The Freedom Reader.* It is edited by Edwin S. Newman and is available as Volume 2 of the Docket Series from Oceana Publications, New York, N. Y. Price $1.00.

2. You will be interested also in the new edition of the compilation of progress in civil rights issued this month by the Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y. Price 12 cents. The title is *The People Take the Lead—A Record of Progress in Civil Rights, 1948-1956.*

3. The Woman's Division is very happy to see the realization of a dream which it has held for a number of years. Because it seemed very important that there be some authoritative source to which people could go for information on laws that were related to race and color, the Woman's Division had an able young lawyer, Pauli Murray, prepare such a volume, *States' Laws on Race and Color.*

At the time it was hoped that a university law school would be able to take over the project of keeping this record up to date by listing changes and additional laws as they were adopted. Since this did not prove to be possible during the five years following the publication of *States' Laws on Race and Color,* the Woman's Division published in 1955 a five-year supplement to that volume.

This year it has been possible for Vanderbilt University School of Law to take up this important task. *The Race Relations Law Reporter* will cover court cases, legislation, orders, and regulations. The first issue is that of February, 1956, and it will be issued six times a year by the Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville 5, Tennessee, at $2.00 a year, single copies $1.00.

This fact will be of interest to many Woman's Societies that have helped to get the *States' Laws on Race and Color* and its supplement onto the shelves of college and community libraries. You will want to call this new publication to the attention of these libraries, so that they can keep material on this subject up to date.

4. We are receiving many letters at the present time from people who have seen the filmstrip, "One O'er All the Earth," and heard the recording of the "World Understanding Team"—"Peace As We See It." One woman writes: "I had heard about the team and seen their pictures in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Imagine what a delightful surprise it was for me to get to know them through the filmstrip and recording used in our district meeting! I really felt that they had been my friends for a long time."

The department regrets that the price of the recording was given incorrectly in the February, 1956, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. The filmstrip is $4.00 and the recording $2.00; both are available from The Department of Visual Education, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Elizabeth Marchant, Room 535, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

This month sees us beginning a heavy task. May it be successfully pursued in the spirit of prayer.

Sincerely yours,

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As We Work in the Spirit of Christ

TOWARD UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLD

By MARGARET R. BENDER

"What Do Ye More Than Others"

THE spiritual motivation for this endeavor is one of its most important aspects. It is urgent that everyone should have this called to her attention plus the fact that suggestions are made for the ways in which the spiritual motivation undergirds this program. It is easy to assume that everyone understands that such motivation exists, and to fail, therefore, to make the fact clear at all times.

Perhaps special plans for making this clear should be developed. These should include three emphases:

1) the biblical background for concern for all of the fellow members of God's family;

2) the special experience and channels that Christians possess for this effort to understand the world in the spirit of Christ;

3) the reasons why the combination of these two add up to special concern of Christians with these issues. This is a concern so great that it ought, we believe, to motivate Christians to much greater efforts toward world understanding than are undertaken by other groups, motivated by good will alone.

We Might Begin With These

The special responsibilities of the Department of Christian Social Relations in implementing the goals of the Woman's Division for the next quadrennium are necessarily broadly stated, so that they will allow room for adding special emphasis as the need arises during these years. The wisest thing at the present time seems to be to suggest a number of specific things which might be done now. The secretary of Christian Social Relations and her committee will want to study these suggestions. Possibly single out certain of them as being particularly important at this time in the places where they live. They will want, also, to remember that these suggestions are by no means the only ones that would be appropriate. In many places local committees will wish to add new ones which occur to them as the most important immediate ways to begin an intensified effort to understand our world in the spirit of Christ.

1. Seeking to demonstrate the sincerity of her Christian beliefs is one of the great obligations confronting the Christian woman today. How does she prove that she carries her sense of Christian responsibility with her as she passes through the church doors into the workaday world? Probably, whether justly or unjustly, the area in which we are most criticized for discrepancy between profession and action is in the field of race relations. Any work that can be done in the true spirit of Christ to build a fellowship without barriers in her local church will be an effective demonstration of this.

Working for the adoption and implementation by the Woman's Society of the Charter of Racial Policies would be one of the first steps in this direction. If your Society has not adopted the Charter, you may want to secure copies for distribution to all members and arrange for periods of study in monthly or circle meetings. (Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Rd., Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Three cents, 25 for 40 cents.)

The Christian Social Relations Committee might wish to work out a method of presenting the Charter and some possible discussion questions such as: Why adopt such a statement as this? How will it help in local community relationships? How will those from other lands feel as they hear about its adoption by many Societies? What specific changes in practice would its adoption bring for our Society? For further background of the Charter, see the Christian Social Relations *Handbook* * 1956-60.

Many churches are now in a position to invite members of minority groups into their fellowship. Remember that such invitations are useless if there is not a sincere wish to make those to whom the invitations are issued full members of the congregation. This should be demonstrated beyond any possibility of misunderstanding. Remember that people who belong to minority groups are rightly sensitive and quick to suspect that an invitation may be only a matter of form. Demonstrate that this is not the case. Also, this readiness to welcome should apply to all who wish to come and not just to an occasional individual specially selected as a sort of token member. Other churches that do not have members of minority groups in residence in the community can contribute to good will by making a declaration that their church has open membership.

Ways of working to secure justice and opportunity for all people in the community and nation will immediately occur to the secretary of Christian Social Relations and her committee. How much do you know about your local community and how well it serves the needs of all of its citizens? Use *You . . . Your Town . . . Your World . . . and Human Rights* (Conference Group of U. S. National Organiza-

tions on the U.N., 45 E. 65th St., New York 21, N. Y.—25 cents) as a basis for discussion in this field. Does your community need to undertake a self-survey? How well are all your citizens housed? How adequate are your schools as to physical resources? Teachers? Program?

You may also wish to work for some national legislation which you feel is particularly important in securing justice and opportunity for all people. You may, for instance, wish to study our present immigration laws and decide how important their revision seems to you. (See *I Lift My Lamp* *—20 cents, and *The Fence* *—5 cents.)

2. Perhaps one of the most exciting tasks that will be a part of this work will be that of "seeking to broaden the horizons of her local church and community through new experiences of fellowship with people of other lands and cultures." Here the opportunity for being creative and sensitive calls for the best skills that we have.

A "hidden treasure" of people from other lands who will welcome experiences of fellowship is available in many communities that are not generally aware of their presence. One woman was quite sure that her community had no visitors from abroad because it did not have a college or university nearby. But she discovered that there was an exchange expert in the cement plant. Another woman thought she knew positively that her town had no resources of this sort. She discovered two G.I. wives from abroad living in the community, and five interns from Southeast Asia working in the local hospital.

For a first step, you might study *Getting to Know You* *—15 cents. A workshop on world understanding in every local church is one of the things that we hope will happen during the quadrennium which we are beginning. Therefore, you may also wish to secure and study *A Workshop on World Understanding* *—5 cents, to see how you can use that means to bring new experiences in this field.

3. Relating one's community more closely to the means and channels that we have to increase our opportunities for world understanding will also be a most exciting assignment. Probably any group that starts a program of this sort will find it is something that will be continued because of the satisfaction it brings.

Many people feel that one of the most serious drags upon progress in world understanding is the hopeless, helpless feeling of people who don't know where to begin and therefore assume that the whole process is impossible. Admit at the start that we shall not really understand completely any person or group. Then begin to see how much even a small improvement in understanding can do to better conditions. In that way we shall find this assignment worthwhile.

There are many places to begin. One of the most important is, of course, the workshop on world understanding which was mentioned before. As a member of the Committee on Program, the secretary of Christian Social Relations also has an opportunity to see that more emphasis is placed on the mission study books. In this connection, remember that minority groups in the United States also are important. One possibility might be to get a group of women to make a review study of the mission books that you have studied in the past. Then use the results of this informal review on a panel in your workshop on world understanding. They might organize their findings around a topic such as "Today's situations as seen in the light of our study books."

Societies accustomed to studying other countries in this way may find that individuals or groups within them may be interested in further study. Consult your librarian about the new books on various countries which she may have on her shelves or may be able to arrange to borrow from the county or state libraries. Consider also the possibility of adding a few simple books on cultures. These will furnish interesting keys to understanding and may be a resource with which many have not been previously familiar. *Cultural Patterns and Technical Change*, by Margaret Mead—50 cents, a pocket book available at newsstands, will make a good beginning for this. See also "Good Will Is Not Enough," by Dr. Ina C. Brown in the December issued of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Methodist women have done a very encouraging amount of study of the United Nations and its agencies. In many communities they have taken the lead in arranging community study and celebration of U.N. anniversaries. However, even in the community which has done most, there still is much to be done. New things are happening constantly. It will be important to understand such questions as:

"What new experiences and interests will the sixteen new member nations bring to the U.N.?"

"What has been the effect of the Bandung Conference of Asian and African peoples on the thinking in the U.N.?" (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1955, January, 1956. Also *Bandung*—Homer A. Jack. Toward Freedom Pamphlet, Room 503, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Illinois—30 cents.)

"What funds are needed at the present time for the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees? For technical assistance through the U.N.? For relief in the Palestinian area through the U.N.?"

"Are we moving fast enough toward self-determination and self-government for all peoples?"

"What are the questions that need to be answered in connection with this?"

"What about open universal membership for the U.N.?"

Churches and communities will need to discuss these and many other questions. Make sure that everyone in the community has a sufficient background understanding of the structure, purposes, and constructive achievements of the U.N. Panels on some of these questions in the world understand-

ing workshop would be helpful. It might also be possible to set up a series of forums on the subject.

Another interesting place to begin would be with the study in the church of the statements relative to these matters made by the 1956 General Conference. These will be available in the form of a leaflet from the Board of World Peace, The Methodist Church, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

Perhaps you never have been fully aware of how much material for a study of the U.N. is available from the Woman's Division. In addition to articles on this department's pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN, the following publications are available:

A Christian's Primer of the United Nations *—25 cents.

A Christian's Primer of Technical Assistance and Land Reform —35 cents.

Your United Nations and You —5 cents.

Making the United Nations a Part of Family Life (free for postage).

Your United Nations Worked for Peace (free for postage). This is a leaflet that is published each year to list a few of the outstanding achievements of the U.N.

Don't Be Fooled—5 cents. Cartoon booklet refuting charges sometimes made against the U.N.

Poster reproduction of U.N. Organization Chart, taken from *A Christian's Primer of the U.N.* Large size—15 cents. Small size—free.

Turnover Chart of the U.N.—$1.25.

No Longer Strangers—a filmstrip which contains many good color pictures of the U.N.—$4.00. Order from Miss E. Marchant, Secretary of Visual Education, Woman's Division, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. You may find also that you can enrich your program by use of parts of the worship service, "Festival of Faith," given at the San Francisco Assembly commemorating the tenth anniversary of the United Nations. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, March, 1956.)

It will also be helpful to study the ways in which the missionary movement has helped over the years to train leaders and create understanding which made the United Nations possible. At the U.N. it is a truism that the organization would not have been possible without the mission enterprise. Unfortunately, many church people are not aware of this fact.

Another field that will be helpful is the study of the pioneering work in technical assistance that has been done by missions. Bishop Ledden has said that technical assistance is a new dimension of missions. This pioneering is not a thing of the past, either. Daily, new tasks in which the missionary has special competence are presenting themselves.

For instance, the technical problem of halting the ravages of leprosy and making the patient a safe member of the community has been solved. U.N. agencies are now prepared to virtually wipe out the disease in the next ten years. However, to do this they must have help from groups, particularly missionaries, who understand the people and have their confidence. Then the missionaries will be able to persuade people to trust the health authorities. This is essential because fear makes people hide the members of their families who have leprosy. They fear to bring the lepers in for treatment lest they be sent away for life to leprosy colonies as was formerly necessary. This trust is also needed to make the community willing to accept the statement that it is safe for the treated patients to resume community contacts. This is just one of the many new tasks.

Understanding the role of the ecumenical movement is also essential, for much progress toward world understanding can be made through these Christian agencies. A study of the reports that came out of the Evanston meeting (note study guide) and of the Woman's Division leaflet on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (*You Are There* *—5 cent will be helpful. You may be ab to use the dramatic worship ser ice, *We, the Church* *—15 cents, dramatize some of these values.

4. The things which have be suggested under the first thr headings all will help toward th development of greater sensitivi to the needs of the world. Our p sition as Christians living in a economy of abundance in a wor where two thirds of our fellow me are hungry is a challenge to th conscience and sensitivity of all us. As a mission group, we wi have special resources in this fie to bring to this consideration. At later date, the Woman's Divisio will have materials that will be pa ticularly adapted to this purpose.

In the meantime, perhaps yo can plan for an information cam paign conducted by means of bulletin board in your church o which you can post charts an articles showing present condition This might be followed by a stud group or forum for the whole churc in which an effort could be mad to face our responsibilities in th light of these facts. Your pasto and the church Committee on Socia and Economic Relations would b able to help you with this.

A very interesting exhibit pre pared in one local community ma offer some suggestion for others This exhibit was called "Hunger of the World." One part of it con sisted of a large map on which al areas of widespread hunger an malnutrition were colored red. Thi was accompanied by photograph of children cut from issues of TH METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUT LOOK, and various magazine article about the work of UNICEF Under the grouped photographs wa the caption, "Is Hunger What You Want for These Children?" Thi exhibit provided a springboard fo a thorough discussion of the role o the United States in helping th underdeveloped countries to solv their problems of hunger, disease and poverty.

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Study Class Projects for 1956-1957

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

Come and see *Missions: U. S. A.* in action at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House—the only settlement house in East St. Louis, Illinois. It serves both individuals and families in the community through child care, group activities, and individual counseling and guidance.

With bowed heads, closed eyes, and folded hands the children sit and sing their morning prayer song to begin the day. Then, in rapid succession follow periods of active play, midmorning snack, stories, rest, special activities, free play at tables or in the doll corner, wash time, dinner, naps, and active play again until time for parents to come. This is the day care program (6:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.) for preschool children of working mothers.

The various group activities serve those from six to ninety-six years of age. After school each afternoon boys and girls are busy with clubs, craft groups, and recreation. The large well-equipped playground is an important feature of community life. In the evening teen-agers come to the gymnasium for roller skating, basketball, weight lifting, and building up muscle by hitting the punching bag! Senior citizens spend one day a week at the house in fellowship and service projects.

Off in a more or less quiet corner there may be a neighbor who has come for counsel or guidance in solving a problem. Staff members at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House are always ready to listen, always willing to help.[1]

Tacoma Community House

Tacoma Community House is located in a Tacoma, Washington, neighborhood where live people of different races, nationalities, and religions. Through a program of clubs, classes, interest groups, and recreation, the house endeavors to meet their needs. These needs may be educational, recreational, social, and spiritual. Hundreds of people from three to eighty years of age use these facilities each month.

Just recently a European family arrived. The children knew no English, but they were delighted to find a place where they could make things with their hands. They not only learned our language and customs but taught others the customs of their native land. It was a broadening experience for all.

Young mothers meet monthly to discuss their interests and problems, to see an educational movie, or to

Assignments to jurisdictions—

Central Jurisdiction:
- Social Work with Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans, San Francisco, California
- Arkansas-Oklahoma Cooperative Rural Work
  - Sevier County, Arkansas
  - Clark County, Arkansas
  - Nashville Area, Arkansas

North Central Jurisdiction:
- Holston Valley Rural Work, Johnson City, Tennessee
- Tacoma Community House, Tacoma, Washington

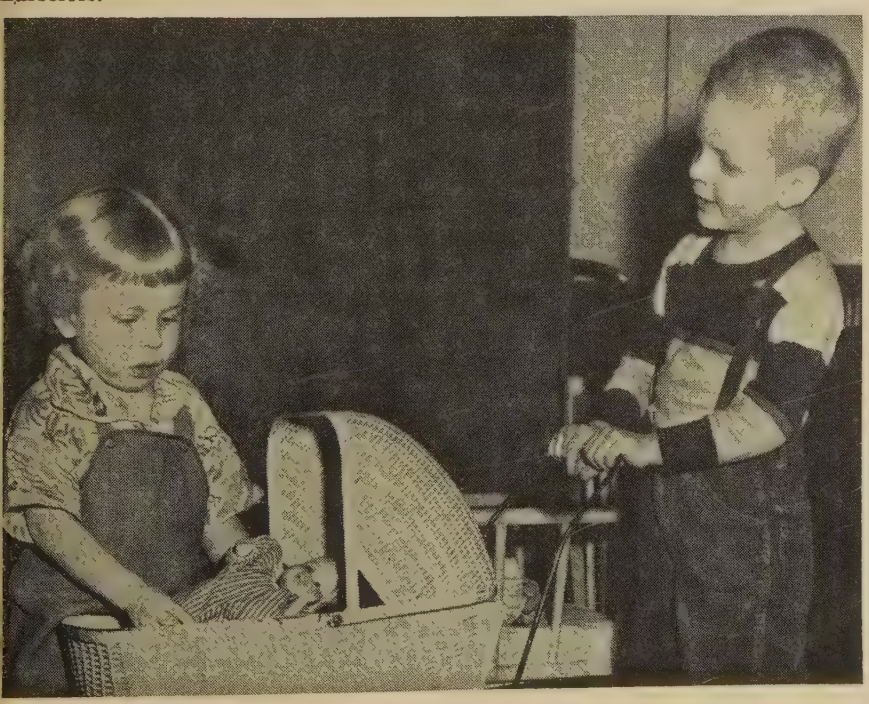
Northeastern Jurisdiction:
- Scott's Run Settlement, Osage, West Virginia
- National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri

South Central Jurisdiction:
- Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis, Illinois
- Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia

Southeastern Jurisdiction:
- Wesley House, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Spofford Home, Kansas City, Missouri

Western Jurisdiction:
- Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee

"How is the baby feeling today, Mommy?" This play corner at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Illinois, is typical of most day nurseries.



[1] See: The Methodist Woman, July-August, 1953, p. 20

hear a speaker on child development. "Oh, do all three-year-olds act that way? This is helping me understand my own child!'

Two teen-age clubs provide a wholesome good time under Christian leadership. The Evergreen Hobby Club, largely for older men and women, gives opportunity for craft work, fellowship, and making new friends.

The boy who lives with a disinterested grandmother, the girl who has to take care of many smaller brothers and sisters, the teenager who is ashamed of his home, the woman whose husband has left her—all find understanding friends at Tacoma Community House. They have an opportunity to see beyond their own problems in learning how to build a better home, a better community, and a better world.

Wesley Community Center, Chattanooga

Located in a neglected community in Chattanooga, Tennessee, this Wesley Community Center has lived close to the needs of the people for more than thirty-five years. It tries to give them faith, comfort, courage, and hope.

In 1952 a new building was completed, a large part of the money being raised through local gifts including one from the Benwood Foundation. Facilities now include a large gymnasium, game and clubrooms, day nursery, clinic, woodwork shop, and a Scout house. More than 300 children, young people, and adults make use of the center each week.

Through a varied social and recreational program for all ages an effort is made to promote more abundant living. At lunchtime in the day nursery, you may hear, "String beans make us grow tall real fast." In a corner of the library, some teen-agers are learning the value of good books. In the gym good sportsmanship is being developed. In the craft groups for children and adults, their hands and minds are kept busy. Wherever you may chance to look, the purpose is to help all learn ways of happy living, to develop new interests and skills, and to enjoy friendship and fellowship.

Wesley Community Center endeavors to maintain a program sufficiently flexible to meet the changing needs of an ever-changing community. It serves the needs of its neighbors through contributing to healthier family life, raising moral standards, encouraging high ideals, and ministering to spiritual unrest.[1]

Susannah Wesley Home

Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu, Hawaii, was opened in 1903 for girls whose parents worked in the fields. For a short time during the early days, women also were often given care, many of whom seemed young enough to be called girls. Others were "picture brides." The home has continued to serve girls during these past fifty-three years.

A new program is now being launched with the interest and enthusiasm of the community and the Islands. In the light of increasing juvenile delinquency, emphasis is being placed on treating emotionally disturbed children as a means of preventing delinquency. The home is being remodeled and new staff members added who are trained especially for this work.

A year ago, the Reverend and Mrs. Eugene McClure were appointed to Susannah Wesley Home. Mrs. McClure has had wide experience in child care. Mr. McClure worked with children while serving as a chaplain in France. Later, he served as superintendent of David and Margaret Home, La-Verne, California, and the Methodist Home, Williamsville, New York.

He writes: "We are grateful for the community interest and support. Each is essential to a successful program of community service. However, our institution is an outreach of the church and its ministry of service. Though needing and relying on community interest and support, we must have a surer and firmer foundatio Therefore, let us never cease to much in prayer, knowing thi 'Except the Lord build the hous they labor in vain that build i May we remember, also, the e hortation which says: 'Commit th works unto the Lord.' " (Prov. 1 3)

Spofford Home

On a five-acre plot of groun and in a large colonial home i Kansas City, Missouri, a very spe cialized service is offered to childre and young people with personalit problems. They are accepted fro the surrounding states as well a from the city. Spofford Home ad mits preadolescent children wh are mentally normal but emotion ally disturbed. All are unde psychiatric care. The length c stay is dependent upon the child needs. Problems range from schoo difficulties, truancy, stealing, an running away to more serious one on the part of those who borde upon mental illness.

The public school system fur nishes special teachers. Part of th operating expense comes from th Community Chest. The childre live here until the psychiatris thinks their improvement is suffi ciently good to enable them to suc ceed in a more normal setting They may be returned to thei homes, a boarding home, relatives or home for normal children.

The children are given as much contact as possible with the outside. They go to Sunday schoo and young people's meetings—they belong to Boy and Girl Scouts They share in community projects attend musicals, shows, art galleries, state fairs, summer camps go swimming, and belong to ball clubs. Neighborhood children and many people are guests each year.

The staff strives to make the home like a real home. Each child is treated individually. Most of these children are from broken homes and parental rejection is the real basis of their problems. Spofford Home has been described often

[1] See: The Methodist Woman, Feb., 1956, p. 6.

by people working with children as an "oasis in the desert."

This work is described more fully in the leaflet, *Vision and Success,* which may be secured from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Work With Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans

Gaining entrance into the homes of newcomers to the Chinatowns of San Francisco and Stockton, California, has been difficult or impossible in the past. Now the doors of many of these homes are opened. They have been opened because of an offer—an offer to serve these immigrant women—"war brides." In 1951, Miss Ruth Gress, former missionary to China, taught English to nine of these women in their homes. Today, Miss Gress and her co-worker, Miss Kortemeir, and 44 volunteer teachers go into 34 different homes and teach 70 different women.

The basic aim of this project is to share the joy of the Gospel of Christ through the avenues of teaching English, the Bible classes, religious reading material, special programs and social occasions, and encouraging children and adults to attend church and Sunday school.

Thirteen of the twenty-three children present in the nursery-kindergarten of the Chinese Methodist Church, San Francisco, are from homes where mothers have been learning English. Thus, prejudice against the church is being broken down, and the Woman's Societies of Christian Service in Caucasian churches are showing a new interest in missions. One of these mothers, who has been growing in the Christian way of life recently said: "All my life has been in darkness until this year, since you have been helping me."

Strategic Centers

"We need workers"—"We must have more deaconesses"—"We must find a home economics teacher"—"We cannot open new work because we have no worker to place there." These are words so repetitious as to go almost unheeded. Yet they reveal the actual truth that workers of all kinds are needed in both foreign and home fields. Missionaries and deaconesses are retiring faster than replacements can be found. For instance, while fourteen deaconesses are to be retired at the close of this year, only eleven new home workers have been commissioned during the year.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has two colleges whose distinct function is to provide training for men and women who have decided upon a Christian career. Thus **National College for Christian Workers,** Kansas City, Missouri, and **Scarritt College for Christian Workers,** Nashville, Tennessee, supplementing each other, become strategic centers to meet the crying need for well-trained and dedicated workers.

National College is a four-year liberal arts college, coeducational, whose graduates are accepted in graduate schools throughout the country. It offers an opportunity to obtain, at low cost, a cultural background and an orientation to the field of Christian service in general. It assures a measure of competence in one of several fields and leads to an A.B. degree. National College draws its students from all races, from nearly every state in the union, and from many foreign countries. Its graduates have gone into churches, schools, welfare agencies in city and country, and into missions the world around. Modern buildings for library and administration and a beautiful chapel add to the well-built dormitories and classroom facilities. The hillside campus is truly outstanding, its chapel tower being seen from many vantage points. Faculty homes and an apartment for staff members contribute to the efficiency of the faculty.

Scarritt College is a coeducational senior college and graduate school. The educational program is designed for college graduates, and for undergraduates who have completed junior college and wish to specialize during the last two years of college in preparation for careers of Christian service. Like National College, it is strategic in its enrollment of those of many nationalities and races. Included in the student body in the academic year, 1954-1955, were enrolled thirty-nine students from eleven foreign countries.

The two colleges are strategically located in large cities offering educational and cultural advantages. Scarritt College has an affiliated relationship with Peabody College for Teachers, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Tennessee School of Social Work. The Joint University Library, a cooperative enterprise of these institutions, offers outstanding facilities for study and research.

The Main Building (administration, library, chapel, classrooms) of Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia, is greatly in need of repair. Plaster is off the walls, window sills are missing, there is antique plumbing, and the porches are falling.

Vashti School

The third educational center which has been designated as a project especially related to the 1956-57 theme, "Mission Field: U. S. A.," is Vashti School, a home and school for dependent girls of good character. It is located in Thomasville, Georgia. Girls from ten to eighteen years of age are enrolled in the family of 126. The educational program extends from the fifth through the twelfth grade. The main building, beautifully modernized, and the refurbished dormitories and classrooms provide a fitting background for the well-balanced program. For those who remain on the campus in the summer, a camp program is conducted. At that time the swimming pool is used also. The expense for board, room, and tuition is so moderate that a large sum is appropriated by the Woman's Division to supplement the budget. The teaching of Bible, music, home economics, and commercial subjects is offered in addition to other academic subjects. Since the founding of the school in 1903, hundreds of girls have gone out as Christians to lead in their churches and communities.

Arkansas-Oklahoma Cooperative Rural Work

Do You Know? is the title of a booklet about the projects of the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division. *Are You Concerned?* might be a still more challenging question.

Are you concerned about the number of tiny rural churches found in a small area, where only a handful of members attend services on the Sundays once or twice a month when the minister (often underpaid) comes? *Are you concerned* regarding the number of women who know nothing about the work of the church and the Woman's Division; about the number of youth who grow into adulthood and move to the city to meet the world, never having seen the inside of a church-school class?

Yes, *you are concerned*—enough to help send a deaconess, an employed worker, and a U.S.-2 into such an area. You help pay their salaries and furnish each with a car and supplies for finding the youth and adults who haven't been reached, helping local ministers with organizational problems, helping smaller churches grow through group ministry programs. The deaconess and the employed worker, who gives her time to Negro churches, maintain a joint office in Nashville, Arkansas, the county seat. Separate programs are promoted in churches of the Little Rock and Southwest Conferences. But on such occasions as the World Day of Prayer, the women and youth of both conferences meet together, and the youth have an interracial planning committee. The U.S.-2 works with the group ministry of one county.

"There are still many unchurched people along the country roads and in small towns," writes the deaconess. "We believe The Methodist Church is capable of ministering in the name of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere—urban and rural."[1]

Holston Valley Rural Work Project

The Holston Valley Rural Work project, covering in the main east Tennessee and southwest Virginia, is a cooperative project of the Holston and East Tennessee Conferences.

Your concern has been evidenced by sending twelve rural workers into this area, in addition to the two who serve in the Garden Creek Community Center. They include deaconesses, U.S.-2's, and employed workers, some of whom are natives of the area. One, a Negro, works largely with the Central Jurisdiction churches, but all work across jurisdictional lines. Ten serve with pastors on one or more charges, in county or larger parish areas. The other one is the coordinator, who acts as counselor to the other workers and seeks to coordinate their efforts and the rural program of the church and the Woman's Society. She meets with advisory committees on all levels. Development of leadership, widening of horizon and the creating of a better Christian community are the constan concern of all.

"A growing consciousness of th importance of an over-all Christia attitude within the communitie themselves is an ever-present goa Christianity must commute be tween doorsteps instead of bein tethered to the altar rail of th church," writes one worker.[2]

Scott's Run Settlement, Osage, West Virginia

When the settlement house wa built in 1927 near Morgantown there were thirty-eight independen mines on the five-mile "run." Practically all the residents wer miners, and physical needs wer great. Now there are factories a well as four or five consolidate mines, and wages are adequate.

There are still many problems however, to be met by the settlement's services. Drink with its accompanying evils, disregard fo health laws, lack of community pride are not banished overnight Within the center activities fo homemakers, preschool parents and a men's club are a part of the effort to reach the people "on each hill." Through its club program the settlement not only is providing wholesome recreation, but is seeking to help boys and girls learn to live and work together on house and community projects. Both the school and the settlement have accepted integration. The development of local leadership is promoted through helping those interested to attend camps, conferences, and local training classes. University students volunteer services to the community. This institution is more than a settlement. A chapel, which serves as the Methodist church, is at the center of both the building and the program.

NOTE—In addition to these articles and references, read the article "Forward Steps in Home Fields" found on page 7 of the September, 1955, issue. It gives an over-all picture of the projects under the Department of Work in Home Fields.

[1] See also THE METHODIST WOMAN, July-August, 1955, p. 18.

[2] See picture of workers in THE METHODIST WOMAN, May, 1956, p. 7.

Study Class Projects for 1956-1957

Six particularly challenging needs have been chosen as the projects to receive special attention in connection with the study on Southeast Asia. Even though the projects have been divided among the six jurisdictions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, it is hoped that women all over the United States will be eager to receive information about *all* six pieces of work.

The assignments to jurisdictions are:

North Central: **Equipment for Chinese High School, Medan, Sumatra (Indonesia).**

South Central: **Christian Education Program, Hong Kong.**

Southeastern: **Youth Institutes, Burma.**

Western: **New Village Evangelism, Malaya.**

Northeastern: **Nurses' Equipment, Sarawak, Borneo.**

Central: **Kindergarten Equipment, Philippines.**

Equipment for Chinese High School Medan, Sumatra (Indonesia)

The first Chinese Christian High School in Medan, Sumatra, is expected to be completed in time for the formal opening in July. This will be the fulfillment of a dream long cherished by the Methodist Chinese Church of Indonesia.

It was in 1948 that a kindergarten was opened in the back of the church building, and a primary school established in the old building of the Girls' School. During these eight years the enrollment of these schools has swelled to the formidable total of 1,500 (300 in kindergarten and 1,200 in primary).

The influence of such thriving Christian institutions among people who are 90 per cent Muslim is of untold value. However, due to the lack of a Christian high school the young people who wanted to continue their education had no choice but to attend a non-Christian institution. This distressing situation will be solved by the opening of the new Chinese High School.

The Rev. Yap Un-Han, a former Crusade Scholar, will be principal of the school. The fact that he is also pastor of the Medan Chinese Church, district superintendent of all the Chinese work in Sumatra, and dean of the Bible Training School, means that he is a very busy man. He envisions the school as an instrument of winning converts for Christianity.

The unity between the church and the school was exemplified one Sunday last October. After the morning worship service, the congregation followed the pastor from the church to the school. There before the walls of the partly erected three-story building, the pastor led the people in a special service. Assisted by Miss Gusta Robinett, a Woman's Division missionary, a bronze plate bearing the name and date of the construction of the building was unveiled.[1] The occasion was one of warm fellowship as refreshments of Chinese sweets wrapped in banana leaves were served, and high worship as the people rejoiced that their prayer was being answered.

But an empty building alone cannot guarantee academic opportunities. Equipment is the next requirement. Books for the library, instruments for the science laboratory, desks and chairs, and all the innumerable necessities that provide the proper atmosphere for teen-age learning must be purchased.

The principal very aptly expressed the goals of the institution

[1] See page 20 of the March issue.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief gave funds to help build Wesley Village on the steep hillside of Victoria Peak in Hong Kong. Our missionary works with the members of the Methodist churches in the plans and program for the village.

when he said, "It is planned that the high school will be one of high standing, academically, morally, and religiously. The curriculum will include English, Indonesian, and Chinese languages. Vocational training with a strong religious emphasis will be given in the hope of recruiting more and more consecrated youth for Christ and His Church. It is not only the fervent prayer of the school committee that the high school may rank among the best institutions in Indonesia, but of far more significance is the hope that the school may be used of God to manifest His saving power."

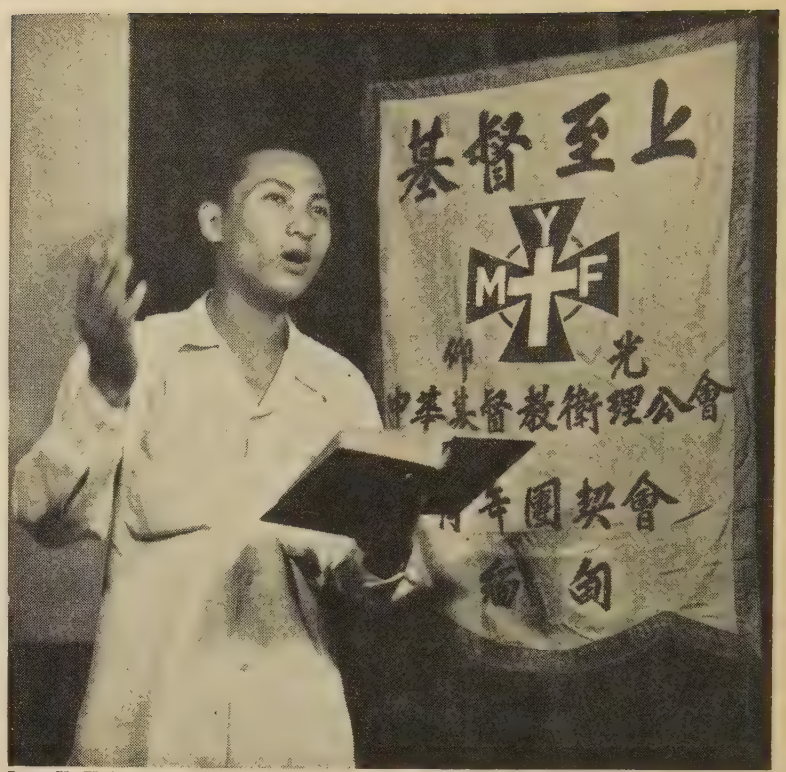
Christian Education Program, Hong Kong

The British Crown colony of Hong Kong is not only the last remaining toe hold of Methodist missions on the China mainland, it is also an important listening post for news of the church behind the bamboo curtain. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has one missionary, Miss Myrtle Smith, stationed there. Through her work and influence the Christian education program of the churches is strengthened.

Miss Smith makes her home a meeting house for groups of Chinese people. Here the pastor finds a quiet, comfortable, convenient place to hold a church membership class. The Woman's Society is grateful for the privilege of meeting in the missionary's home. Committees, too, like the convenient location. In this hospitable atmosphere, plans are projected for the ongoing work and the development of the program.

The missionary is readily available when advice and counsel are desired. She responds to all the calls for guidance. But her time for actual leadership training is limited. She is the treasurer in charge of the business office which includes a ministry to Chinese people in Hong Kong and those passing through. That is her assigned task, yet she tries to meet all the other demands related to the work. Money and personnel are needed to train leadership and develop a well-rounded Christian education program for all ages.

The story of Hong Kong Christians, who in the face of uncertainties and anxieties weave a strong fiber of Christian fellowship, is one that challenges the church of America to offer love and encouragement.



Leon V. Kofod

In Burma a Chinese Methodist Seminary student preaches to the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Youth Institutes, Burma

"Since the future leadership of the church in Burma must inevitably come from the Methodist Youth Fellowship, it is felt that the time has come to introduce a more dynamic youth program into the church, whereby the latent forces of young people will be brought into harness with the general evangelistic work of the church."

The above quotation is from the report of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Burma Conference of The Methodist Church in 1953. It telescopes the underlying purpose for the Annual Youth Institutes, when the twelve MYF chapters meet to share fellowship, exchange ideas, elect conference officers, and conduct other business. The complexity that the conference MYF faces is indicated by the fact that in Rangoon the chapters, being divided according to the diversity of the population, include separate units for Burmese, Chinese, Telegu and English.

It is imperative that the church provide the highest possible training for the youth of Burma who are confronted with a number of conflicting ideologies. Buddhism is experiencing a revival. The Hindu temples, Muslim mosques and the Communist hammer and sickle symbolize the lure of these faiths for many of the people. The multiplicity of languages, cultures and religions challenge the Christian Church to demonstrate the unity that can exist among diverse people who gather in common worship of the Universal Christ.

Ways in which Youth Institutes contribute to this cohesive fellowship was demonstrated at one institute through the development of its theme "That They All May Be

One." In addition to worship and recreation, the program presented various aspects of the central theme. The following subjects formed the basis of discussion by the delegates:

That All May Be One in the Home

That All May Be One Among Races

That All May Be One in the Church.

It is evident that such a vital program should reach as many youth as possible; but in order to strengthen the program and increase the attendance, additional financial resources are needed.

New Village Evangelism, Malaya

When the mission work of Malaya is considered, the emphasis usually is given to the excellent educational institutions operated cooperatively with the Malayan churches. However, with the thousands of villagers from previous jungle-edge settlements being moved en masse as a part of government policy, it is the responsibility of the church to follow these dislocated people with the gospel of love. The church cannot wait to build large institutions in these New Villages, but must move quickly with a vital program of evangelism that is broad enough to care for the total life of these people.

Mass evangelism is one technique that is proving effective among the village people. The Malayan Christian Council has loaned a mobile unit, equipped with audio-visual material and loud-speaker, for holding outdoor meetings. In a three-month period over 32,000 people were contacted through this unit. Singing, preaching, and religious films all were a part of the services. The preaching was usually in two dialects of Chinese, English, and Malay.

New buildings are being erected in many of these villages. MYF work camps are responsible for the erection of churches, medical clinics, and living quarters. The Woman's Society of Christian Service in Malaya also has contributed to a number of projects. Training courses for workers and regional conferences and the production and distribution of special literature for the New Villages all are integral parts of the total program.

A look at a day in the life of two village workers as described by Mr. Harry Haines gives one a better understanding of the work:

Mr. and Mrs. Chiu Wing Kwong at Ampang begin the day with a day nursery for the care of children of working mothers. In the afternoon there is a Boy Scout troop of which Mr. Chiu is the master. In the late afternoon he serves as chairman of the village literacy committee, busy with teams of voluntary workers. In the evening there is a gospel meeting attended by an average of sixty to eighty people. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chiu attend Sunday school and church services. Mr. Chiu is also dean of studies in the large Chinese school. Both are social workers and friends to all who come for help.

Those who give to the New Village evangelism are participating in what has been described as the "greatest challenge that has confronted the church in Malaya."

Nurses' Equipment, Sarawak, Borneo

Part of the quadrennial plan for evangelism in Sarawak is concerned with the health of the 295,000 Dyaks who live along the Rejang River. These former "wild men of Borneo" and their families, living in longhouses and existing on a meager diet, are suffering from malnutrition and diseases resulting from it.

At present there is a small medical clinic in which our missionary, Miss Emma Palm, serves with two Chinese nurses, one from Malaya and one formerly from China. This is a pioneer endeavor, the nucleus from which a strong program for adequate medical care and public health education can be developed. The extension program calls for the erection of a special hospital from which a longboat clinic can travel up and down the Rejang River and its tributaries. Equipment for this floating clinic will include a portable x-ray and a number of other clinical supplies. If the hospital, clinics, and longboat are to be operated, many thousands of dollars must be given for required equipment.

This is only one phase of the total program for evangelism among the Dyaks who are eager for the gospel. Their readiness is revealed by the fact that since 1949 two thousand have become Christians, three of these being leading chiefs.

As money is given for these drastic needs, it is hoped also that additional personnel can be found to inaugurate the broadening program of Christian witness in Sarawak.

Additional well-baby clinics are needed in the New Villages of Malaya.

Sea Dyak girls in school in Kapit, Borneo. Sea Dyaks are the largest indigenous group.

Kindergarten Equipment, Philippines

"The children wait in long lines to get into the kindergarten," writes a young missionary from the Philippines in describing the kindergarten at the Methodist Social Center in Manila. Even though the school is scheduled to begin at 2:30, the children arrive at 12:30. The sound of their little voices is so eager that the teachers find it necessary to have an extra story hour preceding opening time.

The afternoon kindergarten is for children of squatter families, many of whom are unemployed. No tuition fees are required for entrance. The kindergarten fills a desperate need among these children who have had so few opportunities. A morning kindergarten also is available for the children whose parents can pay for the care.

One of the concerns of the teachers is for the health of the children. "It makes my heart ache to look into their faces and see nothing but vacant gums where strong healthy teeth should be," comments one missionary. It is heartening to note, however, that through UNESCO and Church World Service many thousand pounds of powdered milk have been given the children.

The development of kindergartens in the Philippines has been encouraged by the Harris Memorial Training School. It has operated a laboratory kindergarten for a number of years. Each year several Harris graduates receive government recognized certificates in this field of specialized training. As these graduates go out into the barrio churches, they seek to set up kindergartens as a part of the total work. A description of th needs of these kindergartens given in the Golden Jubilee Repo of the training school:

"Many of the schools out in th provinces do not have playgroun equipment of any kind. Childre have to sit on backless benches o on chairs too large for them. Ther are no pictures nor children's book to enjoy. Almost all of the schoo are lacking in scissors, paper, cray ons, and toys."

The urgency to provide equip ment for these kindergartens i noted in a missionary's letter "Honestly, there are so man needs for equipment that I feel al most like a teen-age boy with th 'gimmees.' "

The Offering

Southeast Asia is a farawa land. That is true. Reading an studying the textbooks and dis cussing the problems will bridg the distance and bring the tota picture of these countries into clea focus. We should know wha Methodists are doing at certai points to meet definite needs.

Impressions will be strengthene by expressions of concern and fel lowship. A contribution throug the study class offering is a concret way to aid the Christian witness i this strategic area.

Playground facilities are in constant use in the Philippines. Such activity is directed by teachers of the kindergarten or trained youth leaders.

Challenges in Social Welfare

Excerpts from* A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES—*Adopted by the National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare [1]

IMMENSE social and economic forces are at work in our time, changing our American culture and the very setting of that culture. Two World Wars, an economic depression, followed by vast industrial expansion have brought radical shifts of population, sweeping changes in American family life, unprecedented urban growth, and aggravated conflicts and tensions between groups. In the United States and abroad, oppressed peoples are striving for freedom and fuller participation in society. Peaceful uses of atomic power and automation will produce even greater social and economic changes in the future.

Our national population is changing its age-ratio. The 27 per cent increase over the past five years of persons over sixty-five years of age is indicative of the shifts to come. By 1965 the total population will have increased 16 per cent. Every prediction is that our current high level of living will be maintained, even increased, for most Americans. But the needs of the 20 per cent of our population existing on annual incomes of less than $2,000 will become still more acute.

Crucial decisions must be made about the conservation of human and natural resources, wage scales, agricultural price supports, and capital subsidies to industry. Public policy decisions are also involved in unemployment compensation rates, residence requirements for public assistance benefits, and other rates in various assistance programs.

For the challenge that confronts us in times like these we are not sufficient, but Christ is sufficient. In His love we are able to love. In the triumph of His Cross we are enabled to serve. We therefore have a profound obligation in social welfare to express our concern for our fellow men, and to dare to speak afresh of Christian faith in action.

Christian love must now find expression, not only in personal deeds of kindness, but in a highly organized system of social and health services as well.

Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States are justly proud of their historic expressions of Christian love in thousands of hospitals and homes; institutional chaplaincy programs; other group care facilities for children, youth, old folks; case work; settlements and community centers; and such youth-serving programs as the YWCA and YMCA. These agencies spend two billion dollars a year.

Constant evaluation of services performed and continuous study of the needs are required of church-related agencies as well as other agencies.

Church-related agencies should make no discrimination on account of race, national origin, or economic status among those whom they serve and employ.

One third of the nation's jobs in social work are unfilled for lack of trained personnel. A critical shortage continues in psychiatry and in the nursing profession. Our public schools face a serious shortage of teachers.

The changing rural scene requires the churches to give serious consideration to the rechurching of rural areas and to the adjustment of their programs. We encourage the efforts of our communions and councils of churches to develop a common strategy for serving town and country areas.

Our American culture is being dramatically reshaped by the migration to cities. Too many churches have been leaving the central city for the suburbs, following their own members and abandoning families who remain to be served in older city neighborhoods.

Research in child development and human behavior has now clearly identified the origins of such grievous and costly human problems as delinquency, crime, divorce, and mental illness.

It is now apparent that the development of emotionally healthy youth and adults is most likely to result with (1) the presence of two parents who enjoy their marriage and (2) parent understanding of the normal needs of their children at various age levels. Where families are broken, the church in the community has a special responsibility to the children.

For centuries the churches have pioneered many direct services in the welfare field. This responsibility is still substantial, but new needs challenge the church to strengthen democratic practices.

The church yearns for a beloved community in which the needs of the whole man may be gloriously served. For the challenge that lies before us we are not sufficient, but Christ is sufficient. It is He who makes us bold. We labor with confidence that if we shall do His will with cheerfulness while it is yet day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give Him thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Follow-up plans are being made for programs of study in local churches, local and state conferences, and national denominational conferences to consider together the policy and strategy in social welfare.

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WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOA

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Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1955-56	Total Pledged 1955-56	Youth	Children	Total Appropria 1955-5
Central:							
Central Alabama	$ 417.59	$ 29.90	$ 447.49	$ 1,600.00	$ 1.50	$ 3.00	$ 4
Central West	1,164.20	99.80	1,264.00	1,540.00	63.46	19.88	1,3
Delaware	5,942.08	441.50	6,383.58	9,900.00	500.00	49.25	6,9
East Tennessee	455.00	72.00	527.00	1,000.00			5
Florida	750.00	110.00	860.00	1,200.00	9.00	11.00	8
Georgia	955.79	70.00	1,025.79	3,000.00	2.00	7.20	1,0
Lexington	9,910.01	716.08	10,626.09	9,700.00		54.15	10,6
Louisiana	1,459.53	153.50	1,613.03	3,900.00	8.00	4.50	1,6
Mississippi	824.28	26.00	850.28	3,400.00		23.00	8
North Carolina	1,625.00	46.50	1,671.50	2,300.00	27.25	18.75	1,7
South Carolina	2,425.00		2,425.00	4,200.00		3.40	2,4
Southwest	630.30	10.00	640.30	1,135.00	22.50	25.75	6
Tennessee	968.00	133.00	1,101.00	3,000.00		26.32	1,1
Texas	2,411.20	250.00	2,661.20	3,350.00	150.82	26.50	2,8
Upper Mississippi	323.25		323.25	1,618.00	2.50	2.50	3
Washington	3,124.59	849.81	3,974.40	8,000.00	284.16	82.43	4,3
West Texas	1,384.00	194.00	1,578.00	1,800.00	5.00	73.00	1,6
Central Jurisdiction	67.39		67.39				6
Total	34,837.21	3,202.09	38,039.30	60,643.00	1,075.69	430.63	39,5
North Central:							
Detroit	97,027.30	3,349.33	100,376.63	147,700.00	3,752.39	365.64	104,4
Illinois	133,876.25	6,109.84	139,986.09	178,000.00	4,503.82	701.47	145,1
Indiana	72,500.98	6,534.99	79,035.97	123,500.00	3,528.50	1,146.04	83,7
Iowa-Des Moines	79,472.45	5,248.69	84,721.14	123,000.00	6,405.48	532.90	91,6
Michigan	66,387.60	2,397.50	68,785.10	100,000.00	2,566.17	609.89	71,9
Minnesota	53,418.32	2,561.71	55,980.03	92,500.00	936.50	395.51	57,3
North Dakota	16,139.52	200.00	16,339.52	25,000.00		238.30	16,5
North Indiana	76,122.17	4,153.70	80,275.87	148,120.00	7,336.50	1,152.35	88,7
North Iowa	84,835.16	2,838.77	87,673.93	158,000.00	4,180.30	569.03	92,4
North-East Ohio	139,749.50	6,711.89	146,461.39	238,000.00	5,812.51	1,100.92	153,3
Northwest Indiana	43,144.41	1,815.40	44,959.81	78,000.00	2,505.64	384.78	47,8
Ohio	198,777.57	8,234.76	207,012.33	312,000.00	10,304.76	1,747.70	219,0
Rock River	136,720.29	7,091.62	143,811.91	209,400.00	4,189.00	972.91	148,9
South Dakota	18,078.23	606.20	18,684.43	35,000.00	1,048.00	40.70	19,7
Southern Illinois	38,160.82	4,852.26	43,013.08	62,900.00	1,497.60	523.79	45,0
West Wisconsin	23,824.96	845.53	24,670.49	39,000.00	872.12	36.42	25,5
Wisconsin	37,979.32	1,907.34	39,886.66	59,800.00	1,735.69	343.26	41,9
North Central Jurisdiction	100.00		100.00				1
Total	1,316,314.85	65,459.53	1,381,774.38	2,129,920.00	61,174.98	10,861.61	1,453,8
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	85,663.11	3,073.05	88,736.16	127,000.00	3,365.51	440.64	92,5
Central New York	17,766.23	210.80	17,977.03	54,000.00	755.00	309.58	19,0
Central Pennsylvania	37,114.28	595.00	37,709.28	55,000.00	1,112.62	274.69	39,0
Erie	51,077.56	763.86	51,841.42	84,000.00	2,807.57	586.90	55,2
Genesee	39,476.38	1,297.00	40,773.38	72,000.00	646.00	114.02	41,5
Maine	7,614.35	69.00	7,683.35	10,000.00	291.19	24.13	7,9
New England	21,012.59	1,214.33	22,226.92	38,500.00	1,087.04	117.36	23,4
New England Southern	14,427.41		14,427.41	24,800.00	562.03	16.50	15,0
New Hampshire	4,870.81	211.00	5,081.81	8,000.00	184.42	36.50	5,3
New Jersey	39,848.59	1,077.70	40,926.29	56,000.00	1,903.97	386.66	43,2
New York	26,074.93	2,349.65	28,424.58	43,000.00	454.86	55.50	28,9
New York East	44,358.10	2,091.97	46,450.07	58,525.00	1,015.86	93.85	47,5
Newark	50,410.71	1,972.50	52,383.21	74,300.00	152.25	103.25	52,6
Northern New York	20,038.22	303.15	20,341.37	31,250.00	569.80	79.60	20,9
Peninsula	33,633.08	127.71	33,760.79	46,500.00	1,144.25	129.62	35,0
Philadelphia	62,250.71	3,988.70	66,239.41	100,000.00	1,640.40	435.19	68,3
Pittsburgh	82,098.74	1,727.10	83,825.84	100,000.00	2,726.76	817.53	87,3
Puerto Rico Provisional	25.00	35.00	60.00	50.00			6
Troy	42,949.74	1,092.75	44,042.49	58,800.00	596.68	136.42	44,7
West Virginia	86,893.80	7,465.65	94,359.45	126,000.00	4,014.33	619.81	98,9
Wyoming	43,499.50	783.10	44,282.60	55,000.00	2,479.00	284.06	47,0
Northeastern Jurisdiction	159.67		159.67				1
Total	811,263.51	30,449.02	841,712.53	1,222,725.00	27,509.54	5,061.81	874,2
South Central:							
Central Kansas	94,369.77	7,716.19	102,085.96	170,000.00	5,203.02	711.23	108,0
Central Texas	58,043.68	11,042.97	69,086.65	88,000.00	2,275.92	165.18	71,5
Indian Mission	687.61		687.61	1,091.00	89.07	21.28	7
Kansas	51,877.73	4,662.10	56,539.83	100,000.00	1,469.00	453.74	58,4
Little Rock	48,067.24	6,844.24	54,911.48	75,000.00	1,540.63	72.89	56,5

RST NINE MONTHS—1955-56

MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on propriations 1954-55	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
366.91	$ 451.99		$ 47.65	$ 43.40		$ 5.00		$ 548.04
1,190.83	1,347.34		205.75	95.25		4.37		1,652.71
7,070.98	4,832.86	$ 2,099.97	300.81	834.93		31.00		8,099.57
508.56	527.00		56.85			2.60		586.45
825.50	880.00		80.00	25.50				985.50
1,065.96	1,034.99		89.05	168.67		5.75		1,298.46
8,501.99	10,680.24		409.16	825.24	$ 600.00	14.50		12,529.14
1,554.36	1,625.53		147.61	176.23		6.00		1,955.37
822.61	873.28		197.22	85.50		5.00		1,161.00
1,536.00	1,717.50		239.10	98.60		7.00		2,062.20
3,082.26	2,428.40		207.64	13.00				2,649.04
580.72	688.55		44.91	72.00				805.46
1,260.35	1,127.32		35.00	128.00		4.00		1,294.32
2,649.77	2,838.02		111.30	76.50		10.00		3,035.82
448.50	328.25		17.50	4.38		6.50		356.63
4,412.00	4,340.99		421.38	432.88	600.00	18.00		5,813.25
1,273.25	1,656.00		203.00	168.30	100.00	5.00		2,132.30
	67.39			16.78				84.17
37,150.55	37,445.65	2,099.97	2,813.93	3,265.16	1,300.00	124.72		47,049.43
97,818.23	101,457.16	3,037.50	5,821.33	11,249.81	2,944.75	100.00		124,610.55
138,724.71	127,491.44	17,699.94	7,716.37	30,157.82	1,078.91	104.32		184,248.80
78,622.86	81,460.51	2,250.00	5,951.14	10,381.37	619.79	69.93		100,732.74
88,716.03	85,344.58	6,314.94	7,035.21	9,204.18	9,864.04	105.73		117,868.68
69,368.27	65,361.16	6,600.00	4,800.59	10,486.15	7,734.97	74.28		95,057.15
55,785.56	56,397.40	914.64	4,714.06	9,339.91	1,011.81	74.35		72,452.17
15,498.17	16,577.82		1,220.68	2,544.55				20,343.05
88,094.54	88,764.72		6,036.08	7,727.10	926.84	71.75		103,526.49
97,404.41	88,644.07	3,779.19	7,553.93	10,119.51	1,359.45	98.80		111,554.95
152,573.12	145,574.88	7,799.94	9,519.76	14,295.14	1,140.27	128.62		178,458.61
45,110.16	47,850.23		3,773.73	5,137.14	140.00	51.66		56,952.76
209,988.93	219,064.79		15,401.17	23,825.57	397.01	176.60		258,865.14
140,750.44	141,961.38	7,012.44	5,561.40	8,815.58	3,365.75	86.58		166,803.13
20,747.66	19,773.13		2,332.14	3,782.12		25.00		25,912.39
44,804.83	42,784.47	2,250.00	4,526.82	8,004.59	860.12	38.00		58,464.00
23,838.91	25,579.03		2,032.93	3,734.17	264.16	31.70		31,641.99
37,777.19	41,965.61		3,023.63	3,899.21	117.40	17.34		49,023.19
	100.00							100.00
1,405,624.02	1,396,152.38	57,658.59	97,020.97	172,703.92	31,825.27	1,254.66		1,756,615.79
87,443.37	80,117.37	12,424.94	7,965.46	8,393.54	1,312.25	85.35		110,298.91
39,204.52	19,041.61		979.77	1,018.75	180.00	45.00		21,265.13
38,209.31	31,869.95	7,226.64	3,789.65	4,217.04				47,103.28
52,435.98	49,985.92	5,249.97	5,471.69	5,199.95	2,501.50	46.37		68,455.40
41,142.18	39,053.40	2,480.00	2,916.03	4,171.18	1,742.75	48.15		50,411.51
7,416.05	7,998.67		845.94	574.00		17.10		9,435.71
24,320.37	13,906.35	9,524.97	1,441.33	4,584.48	1,915.00	38.54		31,410.67
15,154.43	12,380.94	2,625.00	842.36	700.80		19.04		16,568.14
5,047.63	5,302.73		513.68	277.25	10.00			6,103.66
39,887.59	38,728.17	4,488.75	3,292.93	2,997.26	20.00	44.71		49,571.82
29,324.57	28,934.94		1,656.38	2,166.57	16.00	29.59		32,803.48
47,348.42	44,147.28	3,412.50	2,650.07	2,901.65	114.92	42.01		53,268.43
52,928.49	49,938.71	2,700.00	3,146.55	3,657.56	597.19	46.00		60,086.01
20,542.63	20,990.77		2,142.90	1,558.65	27.60	26.86		24,746.78
34,122.48	27,579.69	7,454.97	3,028.53	2,894.33	471.88			40,929.40
64,921.85	54,290.03	14,024.97	5,320.88	7,768.12	169.01	60.17		81,628.18
87,787.36	73,195.13	14,175.00	6,859.27	7,668.49	205.00		$ 150.79	102,253.68
133.45	60.00		101.75					161.75
40,596.08	44,775.59		2,778.83	2,355.36	5.00	49.10		49,963.88
98,287.39	92,093.59	6,900.00	11,687.61	12,465.33	7,338.50	93.00		130,578.03
47,105.41	41,645.66	5,400.00	2,722.88	3,643.15		132.26		53,543.95
	159.67				181.45			341.12
873,359.56	776,196.17	98,087.71	70,154.49	78,708.46	16,808.05	823.25	150.79	1,040,928.92
105,382.78	107,531.49	468.72	7,980.40	12,197.48	1,273.50	86.68		129,538.27
64,953.13	71,527.75		6,888.04	7,713.97	2,325.99	36.84		88,492.09
708.75	797.96		154.90	237.35				1,190.21
55,576.33	56,795.93	1,666.64	4,115.51	7,302.43	861.00	64.72		70,806.23
55,700.00	56,525.00		3,893.41	4,505.37		31.57		64,955.35

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South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 59,225.81	$ 8,468.49	$ 67,694.30	$ 94,798.00	$ 3,096.68	$ 285.34	$ 71,0
Missouri	25,580.51	1,914.24	27,494.75	40,000.00	1,224.15	197.13	28,9
Nebraska	96,054.46	5,160.01	101,214.47	158,130.00	2,247.12	504.64	103,9
New Mexico	15,446.77	3,782.56	19,229.33	27,000.00	755.48	212.43	20,1
North Arkansas	33,272.22	8,633.48	41,905.70	57,200.00	1,062.44	66.86	43,0
North Texas	59,154.41	8,710.46	67,864.87	101,000.00	3,332.65	153.54	71,3
Northwest Texas	46,675.44	7,673.43	54,348.87	76,000.00	2,843.07	208.14	57,4
Oklahoma	91,574.12	16,801.28	108,375.40	163,397.96	3,993.29	258.36	112,6
Rio Grande	2,278.19	74.00	2,352.19	1,200.00	129.77	23.22	2,5
St. Louis	50,069.03	7,157.67	57,226.70	78,000.00	859.08	309.16	58,3
Southwest Missouri	53,151.51	7,175.00	60,326.51	85,800.00	1,824.32	435.07	62,5
Southwest Texas	66,362.71	11,196.07	77,558.78	107,000.00	6,301.92	318.25	84,1
Texas	99,103.34	13,246.11	112,349.45	151,250.00	3,735.27	590.80	116,6
South Central Jurisdiction	1,088.00		1,088.00				1,0
Total	952,082.55	130,258.30	1,082,340.85	1,574,866.96	41,982.88	4,987.26	1,129,3
Southeastern:							
Alabama	71,708.49	7,645.97	79,354.46	84,000.00	1,186.46	265.49	80,8
Cuba Mission	230.00		230.00	95.00	123.50		3
Florida	103,115.67	11,732.03	114,847.70	132,000.00	7,378.24	388.33	122,6
Holston	79,273.22	14,526.78	93,800.00	120,000.00	5,116.81	380.15	99,2
Kentucky	34,946.14	7,107.90	42,054.04	65,000.00	1,941.27	371.19	44,3
Louisville	35,420.77	4,579.23	40,000.00	57,000.00	2,617.19	290.72	42,9
Memphis	49,827.75	9,858.34	59,686.09	78,500.00	2,523.58	250.29	62,4
Mississippi	33,776.76	8,375.10	42,151.86	68,500.00	1,303.43	112.75	43,5
North Alabama	57,111.13	11,564.99	68,676.12	95,000.00	5,059.37	209.62	73,9
North Carolina	80,479.64	9,317.45	89,797.09	122,375.00	3,525.88	1,109.37	94,4
North Georgia	85,922.72	21,753.28	107,676.00	145,000.00	4,704.93	440.53	112,8
North Mississippi	31,545.75	5,422.09	36,967.84	55,000.00	3,252.42	98.71	40,3
South Carolina	101,632.06	11,679.74	113,311.80	140,000.00	4,556.16	470.55	118,3
South Georgia	85,822.01	10,698.96	96,520.97	120,000.00	3,087.06	424.55	100,0
Tennessee	54,119.71	10,334.37	64,454.08	90,000.00	3,152.39	289.29	67,8
Virginia	133,102.34	13,236.98	146,339.32	180,000.00	7,384.55	825.00	154,5
Western North Carolina	96,739.39	15,394.41	112,133.80	140,000.00	3,229.94	548.16	115,9
Southeastern Jurisdiction							
Total	1,134,773.55	173,227.62	1,308,001.17	1,692,470.00	60,143.18	6,474.70	1,374,6
Western:							
Alaska Mission	1,150.80		1,150.80	1,550.00	29.08	10.00	1,1
California-Nevada	76,036.26	5,797.59	81,833.85	95,000.00	2,344.91	48.39	84,2
Colorado	33,357.29	3,244.77	36,602.06	49,000.00	853.32	185.64	37,6
Hawaii Mission	1,365.87	75.00	1,440.87	1,600.00			1,4
Idaho	12,910.02	725.00	13,635.02	15,000.00	842.34	18.34	14,4
Latin American Provisional	232.45		232.45	300.00			2
Montana	12,580.31	655.64	13,235.95	18,000.00	1,442.54	145.14	14,8
Oregon	34,007.22	2,992.54	36,999.76	54,000.00	2,340.75	157.29	39,4
Pacific Japanese Provisional	350.00	70.00	420.00	200.00	15.35		4
Pacific Northwest	46,244.07	4,455.63	50,699.70	65,500.00	1,479.42	96.25	52,2
Southern California-Arizona	157,070.47	10,136.32	167,206.79	245,000.00	5,881.62	582.65	173,6
Wyoming State	6,272.99	379.49	6,652.48	8,500.00	249.90	62.50	6,9
Western Jurisdiction							
Total	381,577.75	28,531.98	410,109.73	553,650.00	15,479.23	1,306.20	426,8
Total from Conferences	4,630,849.42	431,128.54	5,061,977.96	7,234,274.96	207,365.50	29,122.21	5,298,4
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pension Fund							52,7
Enrolled Home Missionary Pension Fund							7
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds							
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations							13,2
							66,8
Grand Total	$4,630,849.42	$431,128.54	$5,061,977.96	$7,234,274.96	$207,365.50	$29,122.21	$5,365,3

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on ppropriations 1954-55	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
67,079.22	$ 71,076.32		$ 7,839.13	$ 11,680.15	$ 348.30	$ 38.48		$ 90,982.38
28,624.25	28,916.03		3,322.66	4,071.09	301.00	31.28		36,642.06
91,710.73	98,132.92	$ 5,833.31	5,745.93	11,288.31	18.00	79.07		121,097.54
21,132.25	20,197.24		2,952.32	5,792.85	384.13	18.90		29,345.44
42,900.00	42,635.00	400.00	4,791.18	6,018.06		37.56		53,881.80
64,846.99	71,351.06		9,837.50	6,383.16	215.00	45.09		87,831.81
55,350.37	57,400.08		8,549.95	7,837.31	735.43	33.90		74,556.67
108,409.45	112,627.05		10,752.22	17,617.67	2,808.78	80.93		143,886.65
985.19	2,505.18		595.02	783.86		4.91		3,888.97
55,419.43	58,394.94		4,960.92	8,076.55	1,000.00	35.28		72,467.69
59,003.84	62,585.90		5,523.92	8,552.07	2,479.92	39.89		79,181.70
73,787.60	84,178.95		9,301.85	14,184.09	18.00	48.21		107,731.10
109,490.71	116,675.52		10,413.31	15,274.47	45.00	64.81		142,473.11
	1,088.00				164.00			1,252.00
1,061,061.02	1,120,942.32	8,368.67	107,618.17	149,516.24	12,978.05	777.62		1,400,201.07
61,707.80	80,806.41		4.83	7,023.23	1,148.45	45.00		89,027.92
158.31	353.50		305.88	92.50				751.88
107,307.47	122,614.27		13,855.81	13,484.41	6,812.62	150.00		156,917.11
77,916.93	99,296.96		16,178.37	12,001.96	16,424.35	75.00		143,976.64
40,897.86	44,366.50		6,705.98	4,734.25	1,141.25	31.99		56,979.97
39,547.71	42,907.91		6,941.88	3,970.33	3,700.00	30.15		57,550.27
61,152.51	62,459.96		11,997.99	6,722.12	544.42	46.00		81,770.49
38,255.43	43,568.04		8,538.75	1,917.18	250.00	34.76		54,308.73
75,136.20	71,695.11	2,250.00	8,986.35	10,301.14	3,095.00			96,327.60
91,283.97	94,432.34		13,550.58	11,768.32	192.18		$ 200.00	120,143.42
111,899.26	112,821.46		11,508.20	13,541.31	2,942.50	70.00		140,883.47
35,502.45	40,318.97		6,680.84	3,754.19	2,190.00	29.00		52,973.00
98,491.49	118,338.51		11,922.51	10,149.46	2,115.00	86.92		142,612.40
91,108.10	100,032.58		11,349.06	9,856.94	1,050.00	55.92		122,344.50
63,512.09	57,301.32	10,594.44	6,330.33	5,345.11		39.71		79,610.91
151,878.94	152,298.87	2,250.00	22,637.38	27,158.89	35,190.00	125.00		239,660.14
100,631.68	115,911.90		13,920.35	22,350.88	2,380.00		100.00	154,663.13
					294.11			294.11
1,246,388.20	1,359,524.61	15,094.44	171,415.09	164,172.22	79,469.88	819.45	300.00	1,790,795.69
1,296.30	1,189.88		321.77	250.00	92.30	1.00		1,854.95
74,625.33	82,227.15	2,000.00	5,411.71	11,193.21	1,096.01	67.12		101,995.20
33,431.93	35,991.05	1,649.97	3,753.25	5,946.24	1,027.05	44.45		48,412.01
811.28	1,440.87		255.92	301.38	12.36			2,010.53
12,399.62	14,495.70		770.89	2,270.70	60.00	12.34		17,609.03
245.90	232.45		7.00					239.45
14,834.70	13,446.63	1,377.00	975.79	2,135.01		15.82		17,950.25
38,663.09	37,622.83	1,874.97	2,555.59	3,253.89	958.92	31.74		46,297.94
405.00	435.35		153.60	65.00		3.22		657.17
44,985.90	51,375.37	900.00	5,193.99	6,831.62	374.27	50.29		64,725.54
170,202.19	169,621.06	4,050.00	10,958.96	23,047.79	4,362.51	110.13	3,680.00	215,830.45
6,684.66	6,964.88		371.65	791.33		6.72		8,134.58
				86.00	100.00			186.00
398,585.90	415,043.22	11,851.94	30,730.12	56,171.57	8,083.42	342.83	3,680.00	525,903.10
5,022,169.25	5,105,304.35	193,161.32	479,752.77	624,537.57	150,464.67	4,142.53	4,130.79	6,561,494.00
52,075.12	52,772.68							52,772.68
952.02	781.15							781.15
8,242.38								
11,088.29	13,284.19							13,284.19
72,357.81	66,838.02							
5,094,527.06	$5,172,142.37	$193,161.32	$479,752.77	$624,537.57	$150,464.67	$4,142.53	$4,130.79	$6,628,332.02

HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (No. 18, *The Methodist Hymnal.*)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:7-12.

MEDITATION: Four L's—A Guide to Summer Recreation, by Mrs. Charles Boyer of Chicago, Illinois.

June ushers in the rich summer season. In nature it is a period of bursting energy in abundant growth; for mankind, a time of recreation which contributes to growth. There comes an urge to rebuild our bodies, restore hopeful attitudes, renew right spirits.

A line from the song, "I Would Be True," provides a guide for summer living: "look up, and laugh, and love, and lift."

Four L's. Significantly the first L is to look up; the fulfillment of the other three depends upon this.

Look up—In any season of the year there are reasons for hearts to thrill to the abounding natural beauty, for spirits to be filled with praise and gratitude to the One above. In summer we look up to June-blue skies, to robins and cardinals flying through the air, to the lovely green shade of trees. In quietness and adoration we look up through beauty and beyond to the Maker, Preserver, Sharer of it all—to God. This looking up is richly rewarding, and we say,

"God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too,
With thy Spirit re-create me,
Make my heart anew."[1]

and laugh—for summer is a joyful time. In days of stress and insecurity we need the relief from tension and the lift of spirit that laughter brings. Merriment that is spontaneous and fresh, springing from clean, ever-young minds, bubbles over into the hearts of those who hear, especially when we laugh *at* ourselves and *with* others. So let the gladness of life and the joy of the Lord rise up as laughter within us, and spill over to bless others.

and love—for the supreme need of life is love. We may be sure that everyone we meet, rich or poor, young or old, is hungry for love, will be happier for it, and better fitted to love and live. Health, happiness, personality are deeply affected by love, or the lack of love. We must receive and give love—love that is forgiving, understanding, steady, dependable, self-forgetful.

"May thy love so fill and overflow
That all the world may share it as I go."

and lift—for there are many to be lifted, and many burdens to lift—loads of anxiety, fear, uncertainty, sickness, sorrow, poverty, ignorance. We have been told to "Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares about you," (RSV) but also, "Bear one another's burdens." (RSV) There is need not only for lightening others' burdens, but for raising lives to higher planes, brighter outlooks, less selfish goals, appreciation of truer values, fuller Christian living. This lifting is accomplished by patient example, constant prayer, and great faith. It is only as we ourselves are lifted closer to the heart of God that we can help others upward.

PRAYER: Father, we bring You gratitude and praise for Your beautiful world, and for the opportunity of variation and relaxation.

Help us to find You when we raise our eyes and hearts, so that You will be in our laughter, so that it will be Your love that we express, and Your power by which we lift.

SOLO: "I Would Be True" (No. 177, *The New Hymnal for American Youth*).

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

I. The Wide, Wide World—a news broadcast combined with a map* study.

Participants:

1. A brisk reporter who sits at a desk and talks into a microphone.

2. An alert assistant who stan
by the map and locates each pro
ect as the reporter speaks about

A good beginning might be a r
view of the article on the Fello
ship Team by Louise Robins
found in the May issue of Th
METHODIST WOMAN and the Ju
issue of WORLD OUTLOOK, pl
points from the article, "As W
Work in the Spirit of Chri
Toward Understanding Our World
page 26 of this issue. Follow wi
a brief mention of the projec
presented on pages 29-36. Clo
with the appeal of "India's Ne
for Missionaries," page 20.

II. Quiz—Significant Dates. Why?

1. June 10
2. September 12
3. October 7
4. October 24
5. October 25-31
6. December 2
7. December 10
8. December 30
9. January 6
10. January 27
11. February 10
12. March 8
13. May 6
14. May, 1957

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* World map of the Woman's Division Christian Service. 60x38 inches. 50 cents. Ava able from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Read Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributi Offices.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next month we begin a series circle programs based on the Qua rennial Goals prepared by the jur diction vice-presidents.

DISASTER AND TRAGEDY

• Disaster struck Seibi Gakuen in Yokohama, Japan, on April 7. Fire completely destroyed the gymnasium, music room, school store, three piano practice rooms, and the second floor of the old junior high school building. Insurance will not cover the rebuilding costs.

• Mrs. Everett Faber, Central Point, Oregon, was killed in an automobile collision near Salem, Oregon, on Saturday, April 7. She was secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Western Jurisdiction. A tribute will appear in the July-August issue.

promotion.

Promotion: Study the Goals preparatory to the September program. *In executive committee meeting* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work on or before October 1.

Missionary Education: Attend district Educational Seminar.

Christian Social Relations: Continue work on Citizenship Brunches.

Youth Work: Counsel with World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning; provide the program material *Bridges to Understanding*.

Children's Work: Meet with council of children's workers.

Spiritual Life: Enroll women in Fellowship of Intercession.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial at least three weeks before the observance.

Program Committee: Distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

October

Vice-President: Assist in observance of United Nations Day and Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Treasurer: Help to promote offering for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, "Southeast Asia."

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in observance of U.N. Week and World Order Sunday.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate in Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Supply Work: Pack a Christmas box for one institution in the home field according to askings on your list.

November

Vice-President: Meeting of Committee on Program. Report on the Quadrennial Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Treasurer: Send second quarter's receipts *by November 5*.

Promotion: Evaluate the fellowship activities of the past six months.

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in World Community Day observance. (Secure materials from United Church Women.)

Student Work: Entertain students from overseas, especially during holidays.

Youth Work: Tell Woman's Society about plans for promoting Christian Outreach in the MYF.

Children's Work: Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

Literature and Publications: Encourage Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Committee on Spiritual Life takes leadership in arranging a Guild Lenten Communion Breakfast.

Student Work: Invite deputation team of students from nearby college to lead worship service in Woman's Society. Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service.

Children's Work: Attend Vacation Church School Institute.

Spiritual Life: Plan with Committee on Program for Day Apart service during Lenten season.

Literature and Publications: Order materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

Supply Work: Send box of materials needed by one of the institutions in the home field assigned to the Society.

April

Vice-President: Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1957-1958 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

Promotion: Review year's work as shown in *Record and Report Book*. Evaluate the year's use of audio-visual materials.

Literature and Publications: Work for renewals and new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK in the annual drive.

Supply Work: Present Supply Work needs for a foreign mission institution of the Woman's Division and take a cash offering.

May

General: Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan Officers' Training Day; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle membership.

President: Report of year's work.

Vice-President: Meeting of Committee on Program.

Treasurer: Send fourth quarter's receipts, including *all available funds, by May 10*.

Promotion: *In executive committee meeting* have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work on or before June 1. Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, "Mission Field: U. S. A."

Christian Social Relations: Observe May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week.

Children's Work: Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Life Week and Children's Day.

Literature and Publications: Order copies of *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet* for 1957-1958.

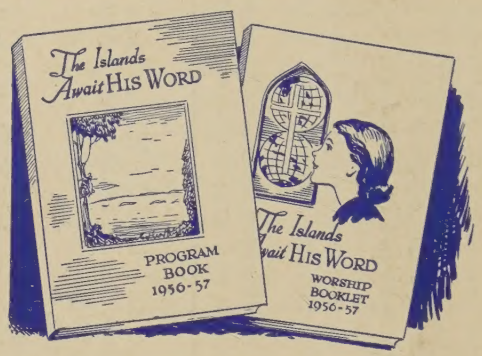
PROGRAM MATERIAL

September 1956 through August 1957

For Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds

The Islands Await His Word

The Program Book contains two expositions of the same program—a simplified plan for the small societies and the regular material. Each society should have one Program Book for each member of the Program Committee. Each Society member should have a Worship Booklet for personal use. The worship service is correlated with each month's program.



Program Book and **Worship Booklet,** Packet. 75 cents.

Program Book. 60 cents each; 3 for $1.50.

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FOR YOUTH

Bridges to Understanding. Twelve programs and worship services for a World Friendship Group of girls in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. 75 cents.

APPROVED STUDIES 1956-57

For Adults

Theme: Southeast Asia

The Church in Southeast Asia. By Winburn T. Thomas and Rajah B. Manikam. $1.25.

East From Burma. By Constance M. Hallock. $1.25.

Adult Guide on "Southeast Asia." By Doris Dennison. 50 cents.

Theme: Mission Field: U.S.A.

Mission: U.S.A. By James W. Hoffman. $1.25.

There Is No End. By R. Dean Goodwin. $1.25.

Adult Guide on "Mission Field: U.S.A." By Willis Lamott. 50 cents.

Supplementary Material:

A Look at Our City Neighborhood Houses in the U.S.A. A pictorial pamphlet. 50 cents.

Theme: Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern

Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern. A symposium. 65 cents.

Guide for "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern." By Margaret R. Bender. 35 cents.

Theme: Paul's Letters to Local Churches

Paul's Letters to Local Churches. By Francis Gerald Ensley. 65 cents.

Guide to "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." By Leila Bagley Rumble. 35 cents.

Supplementary Material:

"The Greatest of These. . . ." By Mary Clark Tipps. A dramatic worship service. 20 cents; 3 for 50 cents.

The Church-Wide Study

High Hours of Methodism in Town-Country Communities. By Charles M. McConnell. 50 cents.

NEW MATERIALS

Calendar of Activities for Officers for 1956-57 (formerly the Officers' Letter File) and a list of Missionary Projects appear in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Extra copies are available at 15 cents each.

My Date Book, 1956-57. Program calendar for local society use. 5 cents.

Activities for 1956-57. Free for postage.

Procedural File. A folder designed to help the secretary of each line of work to keep a complete file of material for her own use and for her successor. Size, 9 by 12 inches. 25 cents.

Spiritual Life Packet, 1956-57. 60 cents.

The Fence. A leaflet on the immigration laws and the need for revising them. 5 cents.

Questions for Christians in 1956. Leaflet on a Christian's responsibility as a citizen. Single copy, 10 cents; 10 to 100 copies, 5 cents each.

Electro of the Quadrennial Emphases. Quadrennial (1956-60) emblem of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Size, 1½ inches in diameter. $2.00.

Stewardship Facts, 1956-57. 30 cents.

The Modern Samaritan. A handbook on Christian social action. 35 cents.

A Message to the Churches from the National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare. Single copy, 10 cents; 50 or more copies, 7 cents each.

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